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REMARKABLE SPEED BY "BABY" AUSTIN.

Over 94 Miles an Hour Reached by Campbell.

SURPRISE FOR U.S.A.

Daytona, Florida, Yesterday. Captain Major Campbell made a new record to-day in a "Baby" Austin, when he reached a speed of 94.061 miles an hour.

Average Speed.

Capt. Campbell's first run was clocked at 94.061 miles an hour, and his second run at 93.994, giving an average speed of over one kilometre laid out within a measured mile of 93.926 miles an hour.—Reuter.

Skill and Courage.

Rugby, Yesterday. Captain Malcolm Campbell, who at Daytona Beach yesterday established a new world speed record of 245.736 miles an hour on his All-British Napier Campbell Car Blue-Bird, to-day announced the abandonment of his earlier intention to make further speed tests at Daytona. If the new record is subsequently surpassed, however, he will hold the Blue-Bird in readiness to regain his title.

Among motoring and engineering experts the skill and courage of the driver are enthusiastically praised. Those familiar with the tests which the Blue-Bird underwent before leaving Britain are convinced that she is capable of necessary even higher speed.

The achievement is regarded as demonstrating not only the high quality of the craftsmanship and materials used in constructing the car, but the soundness of design, based on a long series of experiments with wind resistance.—British Wireless Service.

ROYAL ASSENT.

His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—

Ordinance No. 1 of 1931.—An Ordinance to provide for the registration of nurses for the sick.

Ordinance No. 2 of 1931.—An Ordinance to amend further the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Ordinance, 1908.

Ordinance No. 3 of 1931.—An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1908, and an Enactment referring thereto.

Ordinance No. 4 of 1931.—An Ordinance to make provision for taking from time to time the Census of the Colony.

Ordinance No. 5 of 1931.—An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899.

A WIDOW'S PLEA.

Stating that the accused had been a diligent servant in her employment for a considerable time, Lai Fai, a widow of No. 711, Shanghai Street, asked Mr. Butters for leniency on behalf of Fong Sze, a feld, who was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy to-day with the larceny of 16 pieces of leather, valued at \$17, from the widow's shop yesterday.

His Worship found the accused over in \$50 for one month.

SON AND MACHINE LOST!

Lo Ping-cheung, master of the Fat Sheng Knitting Factory, 197, Ki Lung Street, has notified the Police that on January 6, his son, aged 32 years, took a knitting machine, valued at \$670, and stated that he was going to have it repaired.

The machine was in good working order, and his son has not been seen since.

STOWAWAY FROM SINGAPORE.

Found mingling with the passengers when, only one day's journey from Hong Kong, Mohamed Amin was arrested and charged in the Kowloon Court this morning with stowing away on the s.s. Takada, from Singapore. He was fined \$50 or one month's imprisonment.

Figures submitted at the Brockville town-council meeting showed the city's population total at 9,483 for 1930, or an increase of 53 over the previous year. The assessment for 1930 is \$18,896,880 as against \$18,519,800 for 1929.

TOLL OF 'QUAKE.

SEARCH FOR BODIES STILL GOES ON.

FOOD ISSUED FREE.

Rugby, Yesterday. The New Zealand Government, in a telegram to-day to the High Commissioner in London, Sir Thomas Wilford, says: "Although the news from the earthquake-stricken area continues to be of the gravest character, order has been restored and proper organisations have been established and are working splendidly at both Hastings and Napier. Sailors from warships are patrolling the streets of Hastings and Napier and Government Ministers and departmental experts are in charge of sanitation, demolition of buildings, and other necessary services. A plentiful supply of food is concentrated at the depots and is issued free. Temporary accommodation has been arranged, and traffic is controlled on the roads leading to the affected area to prevent the hampering of relief work.

All medical assistance necessary has been rendered promptly and now the majority of casualties have been removed to places outside the affected area. In addition, many women, children, and elderly people have been evacuated from Napier, where there was a breakdown in the water and sewage systems. At Hastings the water and drainage are normal. The train service was re-established as far as Hastings yesterday and is expected to be through the remaining 12 miles to Napier to-day. The number of deaths so far known is approximately 150, but it is expected that some bodies have yet to be recovered from the debris. The injured number 1,200.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.

Wellington, Yesterday. The official death roll at Hastings is given as between 120 and 130.

This will be exceeded at Napier, where 59, including ten unidentified persons, have already been buried.

The search for other bodies in the ruins has been suspended until the tottering walls are demolished. Naval detachments are undertaking this hazardous task.

The first remark of a boy rescued from the ruins of the technical school, after burial in the debris for two days, was "Give us a drink!" Then without further ado he set out to relieve his parents' anxiety.—Reuter.

CAR THEFTS.

NEW DEVICE TO ACT AS DETERRENT.

Two motor cars, an Erskine (No. 1131) and a Morris Minor (No. 2428) were parked in the Central Police Station this morning, awaiting claimants. It was learned that the former car had been taken from the Peak Tram station, whilst the latter had been stolen from the centre of the city and taken up to the Peak. The Erskine was claimed by its owner, Mr. M. B. Matthews, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. It will interest motorists to know that a new patent arrangement, which will help considerably as a deterrent to the prevalent theft of motor cars, can be obtained locally for \$23. The patent works electrically, and can be fitted to any part of the car; it is so arranged that when any person touches the door of the car, or steps on the runner, the electric patent records "Tut, tut, tut, tut, etc." very loudly. This will attract attention, and the would-be thief will immediately make off. Such an innovation should prove most helpful both to car owners and to the Police department.

Receipts from all sources brought the Province of Quebec a total of \$99,110,725 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1930, while expenditures on all accounts amounted to \$87,107,995, according to the Quebec Official Gazette. This compares with \$1,449,540 and \$48,241,297 respectively for the previous year.

GLOOMY PICTURE OF FINANCES.

Australian Premier on the Fall of Income.

CONFERENCE BREAKS DOWN.

Canberra, Yesterday. The Premier, Mr. James Scullin, gave a gloomy picture of Australian finances when addressing a conference of Federal State Ministers to-day to consider a three-years' plan for their rehabilitation.

He said that some experts estimated the total fall of the national income at over \$100,000,000. It was essential to form a plan to deal with the short-term overseas debt, which would be \$55,000,000 at the end of February. This is exclusive of the annual liability overseas of \$34,000,000 interest which, owing to the unfavourable exchange, was augmented by \$10,000,000.

The conference broke down before lunch. Mr. Scullin refused to allow the expert officials of the Committee to submit recommendations, as he objected to their dictating the Government policy.

Mr. Scullin further said that no plan would include wage cuts. The Premier of New South Wales went further and said that he intended to raise the wages. The net result is that the conference has no plan and no chance of agreeing on one.

Grave Position. The report of the Experts Committee warns the various Governments that the position is increasingly serious, and declares that the reality of public and private adversity must be faced.

It estimates that the deficits of all the Australian Governments next year will be \$25,000,000 unless remedial action is taken, and points out that Australian stocks are now lower in price in London than the stocks of South American Republics.—Reuter.

NEW VICEROY.

KING APPROVES EARLDOM FOR LORD WILLINGTON.

VISITED CHINA.

London, Yesterday. H.M. the King has approved the conferment of an Earldom on Viscount Willington, former Governor-General of Canada since 1926, who was recently appointed Viceroy of India in succession to Lord Irwin.—Reuter.

[As Lord Willington is 1st Baron of Raton, it is probable that he will be known as the Earl of Raton. He was born in 1866 and educated at Eton and Cambridge, where he was Captain of the respective eights. He married a daughter of the 1st Earl of Brassey in 1892, and in 1895 was appointed A.D.C. to Earl Brassey when Governor of Victoria. A Junior Lord of the Treasury in 1905, he was Governor of Bombay from 1913-19, and Governor of Madras from 1919-24. In 1926 he visited China as Chairman of the Delegation from the Boxer Indemnity Committee.]

APPOINTMENTS.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Captain Miscel John Reidy, M.R.C.V.S., to act as Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, with effect from January 31, until further notice.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Dr. Ariel Ransford Stewart Deacon McElney, to be a member of the Midwives' Board, vice Dr. Agnes Lillis Jenkins, Dovey, resigned.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. J. Jose Salas as in charge of the Consulate-General for Peru in Hong Kong.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Eric William Hamilton to act as District Officer in the Southern District of the New Territories in addition to his other duties, with effect from February 18.

Another shipment of cattle to Great Britain left Montreal the other day—some 600 head—with a further shipment of 400 head scheduled to follow. The opinion is expressed by local dealers that other orders are likely to be forwarded before the close of the year.

TEA INDUSTRY ON ITS LAST LEGS?

Folly of Over-Producing and Lack of Vision.

METHODS ALL WRONG.

London, Yesterday. Presiding over the annual meeting of tea buying brokers, Mr. J. J. Bunting expressed the opinion that the tea industry to-day was nearer ruin than that at any time in its history. The causes included the folly of over-producing by growers and the lack of vision of the Growers' Associations as regards their dealings with Russia eighteen months ago, when 40,000,000 to 10,000,000 lbs. of tea might have been taken off from the London market.

Other reasons were the selling broker, who served successfully two masters, and the antediluvian methods of marketing tea in Britain.—Reuter.

EUGENE CHEN.

Returns To China After Three Years' Absence.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Mr. Eugene Chen, Chinese Foreign Minister in Hankow in 1927, arrived here yesterday from Europe aboard the steamer Chenonceaux after three years' absence from China. He was accompanied by Madame Chen, whom he married last July in Paris. Mrs. Chen is the daughter of Chang Ching-kiang, the veteran Kuomintang leader. The Kuo Min states that it is understood that Mr. Chen returns to China after repeated invitations from leaders of the Kuomintang.—Reuter.

SOVIET DOMINATE WHEAT MARKET.

U.S. Farmer Unable to Compete.

UNLIMITED LAND.

Washington, Yesterday. Senator Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, expresses the opinion that the Soviet are advancing towards a dominating position in the world wheat market. He says that the American farmer is unable to compete in the world market with Russian, Argentine, or Australian wheat.

Mr. McKelvie, a member of the Board, said that there was no question but that Russia, with her unlimited virgin land, would be able to produce great quantities of wheat cheaply for many years.—Reuter's American Service.

UNEMPLOYED IN U.S. TOTAL 7,000,000.

Government Accused of "Soft-Peddling."

ALARMING ESTIMATE.

Washington, Yesterday. Accusing the United States Government of "soft-peddling" on the unemployment situation ever since the beginning of the crisis, Miss Perkins, Industrial Commissioner for New York State, conservatively estimated the unemployed in the United States to number 7,000,000. Her estimate is based on the same statistics as President Hoover's Employment Committee's estimate of 4,000,000 to 5,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

It is announced by the president of the United Gas and Fuel Company Limited that interests closely identified with this company have acquired large acreages of gas-producing lands upon which are already located a number of producing wells in Haldimand, Norfolk and Wentworth counties. Those now in production and others to be drilled are to be reserved entirely for the benefit of Hamilton. The undertaking will involve an expenditure of about \$1,500,000, a large part of which will be spent on labour.

STRANGE CONDUCT OF AN M.P.

Fined £4 for Misusing Railway Vouchers.

UNABLE TO PAY FARE.

London, Yesterday. Disgust at the conduct of a Member of Parliament was expressed by the Magistrate of Marylebone Police Court, London, to-day, when Mr. Thomas Isaac Mardy Jones, Labour Member for the Pontypriid Division of Glamorgan since 1922, was fined £4 for misusing Parliamentary railway vouchers. Mrs. Mardy Jones was fined £2.

Both defendants pleaded guilty. The evidence showed that in December last year Mrs. Mardy Jones used tickets which had been issued to her husband in November in exchange for free-travel vouchers supplied to Members of the House of Commons when visiting their constituencies.

Government Pressed.

It was urged by the defence that the Government was pressed at the time, and Mr. Mardy Jones, who was unable to pay the fare, sent his wife the tickets to enable her to secure an important document from Pontypriid.

Counsel for the defence added that both his clients were exemplary characters and won the Dunmow fitch in 1924. Yesterday Mr. Mardy Jones was granted a Parliamentary sinecure in the stewardship of the Manor of Northstead, as a means of retiring from the House of Commons.

In view of the fact that he had only his Parliamentary salary, Mr. Jones was ordered to pay 80 guineas costs.—Reuter.

[Mr. Mardy Jones was educated at Runkin College, Oxford, an extension college for working men, and has written several books on local Government work and rating reform. He is Hon. Secretary of the South Wales Association.]

SIR W. HORNEILL.

CONGRATULATIONS OF VARSITY UNION.

A FITTING HONOUR.

The President and members of the University Union were the hosts at a tea party given in the Great Hall of the University, in honour of the Vice-Chancellor (Sir William W. Horneill, Kt., C.I.E., M.A.). There was a large gathering, which included H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.) accompanied by his A.D.C. (Capt. D. R. M. Cameron). The Hon. Sir Shouson Chow and many other residents of the Colony were also present. Tea was served.

Mr. Chung Hok-nang, President of the Union said it gave him very much pleasure to congratulate Sir William on behalf of the undergraduates on the honour which His Majesty the King had conferred upon him. This recognition had given the students and friends of the University the greatest satisfaction, and the glory of Sir William's success had greatly reflected upon the University of which the guest of the evening was the Head.

This success was even more appreciated than Sir William's immediate previous one when he obtained a share in the Boxer Indemnity Fund. Concluding, Mr. Chung said, "Sir William, I sincerely wish you further honour and success in the future."

Replying Sir William Horneill said he wished to thank all present for the very warm welcome they had given him, and he was very glad they regarded his knighthood as an honour to the University. He wanted to think of it as such. As for the reference to the "Boxer Indemnity Fund," he thought perhaps it was made more on the "bird in hand" principle. However, he hoped it would not be long before they received the cheque for cheques were very hard to get now. Sir William then thanked the University staff and all connected with the University for the very splendid way they had carried on during the past six years—six years of very trying time in the Colony.

OVER THE STICKS.

GOOD MEETING EXPECTED AT KWANTU.

NOTES AND SELECTIONS.

[By "Wombat."]—

There should be some good sport at Kwantu racecourse tomorrow when the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be holding a very good programme of steeplechase and flat racing.

The usual train arrangements will be available to those who intend to make the trip other than by road and in the absence of other attractions there should be a record crowd to see the Club's offering.

Some good entries have been received, principal amongst them being the race for Huntsmen where no fewer than 20 ponies have been entered.

The Volunteers have a race which should be interesting to watch as the ponies engaged are all about the same class.

There will be two hurdle races, two steeplechases and two flat races.

My selections are:—

- 1st Race:—Fanling Stag, Fernleaf, Duke of Nieblung.
- 2nd Race:—San Francisco, Blue Boy, As You Like It.
- 3rd Race:—Christmas Frolic, Sergeant Murphy, Young Pretender.
- 4th Race:—Sunning, Inshallah, Harford.
- 5th Race:—Country Club, Heretofore, Chemo.
- 6th Race:—Marquis Hall, Christmas Belle, Diana.

GANDHI WORRIED!

ANOTHER OUTBURST AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES.

DESTRUCTIVE CRITICISM.

London, Yesterday. The News Chronicle publishes a telegram from Gandhi at Allahabad in which he declares:—

"I am unable to pronounce a final opinion on the Round Table Conference, but what worries me is the look of things here. If the conference really offered freedom to India, the reaction should have been felt here. On the contrary however, I find that the black repression continues unabated."

"Unprovoked assaults on innocent citizens still continue, and respectable people are being summarily, and without apparent reason, deprived of their immovable and movable property by mere executive action. A procession of women was forcibly dispersed and they were seized by the hair and kicked with boots."

"A continuance of such repression would make the Congress co-operation impossible, even if other duties were overcome."

Bombay, Yesterday. A statement signed by 26 Indian States and British Indian delegates to the Round Table Conference, who arrived to-day, says that Sir Tej Sapru, Mr. Jayakar and Mr. Sastri will see Gandhi as early as possible. It hopes that Congress leaders and others will make a solid contribution to the completion of the present skeleton scheme.—Reuter.

Lucknow, Yesterday. The death is announced of the Pandit Motilal Nehru.

Motilal Nehru was sentenced at Allahabad on July 1 to six months' imprisonment on a charge of membership of an unlawful assembly. He was secretly released on September 8 on account of ill-health. He was then splitting blood and losing weight. He was unable to take over the presidency of the Congress Committee as he was compelled to rest. He visited Calcutta to consult doctors, and returned to Allahabad, where Gandhi accompanied him to Lucknow on February 4, where he had been ordered for treatment.—Reuter.

NANNING FALLS TO THE IRONSIDES.

Surprise Encounter Checks Troops.

SOME REMAIN "NEUTRAL."

Canton, Thursday. According to a military officer of the 68th Division who returned to Canton on February 4 from Wanghsien, Kwangsi, the Ironsides under Chang Fat-kuei, hitherto stationed at Peima along the Right River, suddenly moved on January 26 towards Nanning as their objective, which was guarded by the Kwangsi troops under Wai Yun-chung and Wang Hsueh-ling.

After reaching Shek-tze-tong, a town not far from Nanning on January 28, the Ironsides came into contact with the Kwangsi troops, who attempted to check the former's advance.

As a result of a day's encounter, the Kwangsi troops were compelled to yield ground, retreating into the Nanning city, which was subsequently captured by the Ironsides. The Kwangsi troops who were unable to retreat in time and were left behind in the city were totally disarmed. A panic prevailed in Nanning.

Attack That Failed.

It appears that the Ironsides collided with the Kwangsi troops under Wong Hsueh-ling, but those under Wai Yun-chung, stationed in the south gate of Nanning, remained neutral during the conflict. The Ironsides are now garrisoning the North and West Gate. The defeated Kwangsi troops were planning to launch a counter-attack, when Li Tsung-yen issued orders that both sides should temporarily suspend further military movements.

General Wu Ting-yang, representative of the Kwangsi leaders, told Nanking pressmen that the report regarding the recent outbreak of war in Kwangsi was groundless. He pointed out that Wang Shao-hung was in daily communications with Kwangsi, and that nothing was mentioned about the alleged fighting in the wires.

General Wu was confident of peacefully settling the Kwangsi situation in the near future, in view of the peaceful measures adopted by the Central Government and the Kwangsi leaders.

Rehabilitation. Having brought up for discussion the Kwangsi Rehabilitation problem to the Central Political Council which was held on February 4, President Chiang summoned Generals Chan Chai-tong and Wang Shao-hung in the same afternoon for instructions. It is reported that General Wang will be entrusted with the task of reorganising the Ironsides and Kwangsi troops as well as restoring the peace and order. When this is accomplished, the Central Government will take steps to reorganise the Kwangsi Provincial Government.

Reds Routed.

Canton, Yesterday. Colonel Teng Fei, of the 3rd Independent Regiment attached to the 8th Route Army, has telegraphically confirmed the report of his troops coming into contact with the Communist-bandits under Li Ming-shui last Wednesday, on the Kwangtung-Hunan border.

The wire says that 4,000 Reds who had surrounded Linhsien for several days withdrew on the 2nd to Ngam Chien Hu, on the southern Hunan border upon learning of the arrival of Government troops, who succeeded in following them up on the 3rd. Under pressure, the bandits were compelled to yield ground and retreated to Yenkwang and Mui-fah-hu, where they attempted to make a stand.

The troops launched a fierce attack on the outlaws, who offered stubborn resistance. Many charges were made by the regulars, and after a five hours battle, several hundred bandits, including one bandit colonel and two majors, were killed. In addition, a machine-gun, two field pieces and hundreds of rifles were captured by the Government troops, who, however, suffered 100 casualties, in view of the severe engagement.

This is regarded as a final blow to the Communist-bandits under Li Ming-shui, the majority of whom were rounded up, the rest having individually dispersed to the neighbouring villages, concludes the wire—Canton News Agency.

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ROUND THE CINEMAS

"MEN OF THE NORTH"—LAST SCREENING TO-DAY.

SNOW BLINDNESS.

Snow blindness, an injury to the eyes caused by looking constantly on the dead white of snow in sunlight; a blizzard that isolated their camp; chilblains and frozen extremities, and the peril of wild animals in a Winter wilderness were among the troubles braved by the actors who appear in "Men of the North," "Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's vivid drama of the Canadian wilds, now being screened in the Queen's Theatre.

Camped in the high Sierras in dead of Winter, the cast went through hardships which they took as a great adventure and in spite of the dangers of the trip, which included the filming of an actual blizzard, there were no ill results.

The new picture is a vivid adventure romance laid in the Canadian wilds, with Gilbert Roland, noted in "The Woman Disputed" and other hits, playing the role of Louis the Fox, and Barbara Leonard the heroine. It was personally directed by Hal Roach, famous producer of "Our Gang" and other comedy hits, and discoverer of "Rex, the Wild Horse."

Roland plays a swashbuckling French Canadian in a grim battle of wits with a Mounted Police sergeant, whom he later saves in a blizzard. Miss Leonard is seen in the role of the millionaire's daughter, whose love he eventually wins. The cast includes Arnold Korff, Nena Quartaro, Robert Elliott, Robert Graves, Jun, and George Davis.

One of the sensational spectacles in the picture is a landslide from which Roland rescues Miss Leonard. The daring race, on dog sleds, through the blizzard, is another sensational bit in the picture, which, under the adventurous thrills, has a charming love story.

Actual Northern dog teams, the animals brought from Alaska, were used in the snow scenes, filmed in the Sierras some miles from Truckee, on the California-Nevada line. Roland and Miss Leonard rode miles through an actual blizzard drawn by these animals, while another sled carried cameras to film the sensational dash.

"RIVER OF ROMANCE."

Delightful entertainment is provided in the Central Theatre in "River of Romance," Charles (Buddy) Rogers' starring vehicle which opened there yesterday and will be seen and heard the next three days.

"River of Romance," based upon the famous Booth Tarkington play, "Magnolia," has everything that is desirable in a talking picture. It has a gripping plot, actors who can talk and wear period costumes, local atmosphere and a romantic theme that rolls softly through the colourful scenes of Southern life in the 1840's like the languid "Father of Waters" itself.

It is a new kind of role for Buddy Rogers. He appears as a soft-mannered youth who returns to his paternal home in a Mississippi plantation to be confronted with the brusque and bewildering code of duels and feuds and "honnuh, suh." Refusing to fight a duel he is branded a coward. He comes back, though, in a startling fashion, eventually winning the girl who had loved him through it all. Mary Brian is bewitching as the demure Southern girl who loves Buddy, and June Collier, as the coquette, is effective. Excellent character work is furnished by Wallace Berry, Fred Kohler, Mrs. George Fawcett, Henry B. Walthall and Natalie Kingston.

Rogers' voice has a happy quality of youthful freshness and vigour and Miss Brian intones her lines with engaging intelligence. The sound background of river life and plantation days was pleasingly injected into the play by Richard Wallace, the capable director. It is a picture that young and old will enjoy.

"TEMPLE TOWER."

Lighting plays almost as important a part in the "mood" of a "mystery picture as the story itself, in the opinion of Charles G. Clarke, Fox Movietone camera man, who is known for his unique photographic technique and results.

"Each scene of a mystery picture," explains Clarke, "is generally aimed to produce some certain effect—suspense, terror, surprise, and so on.

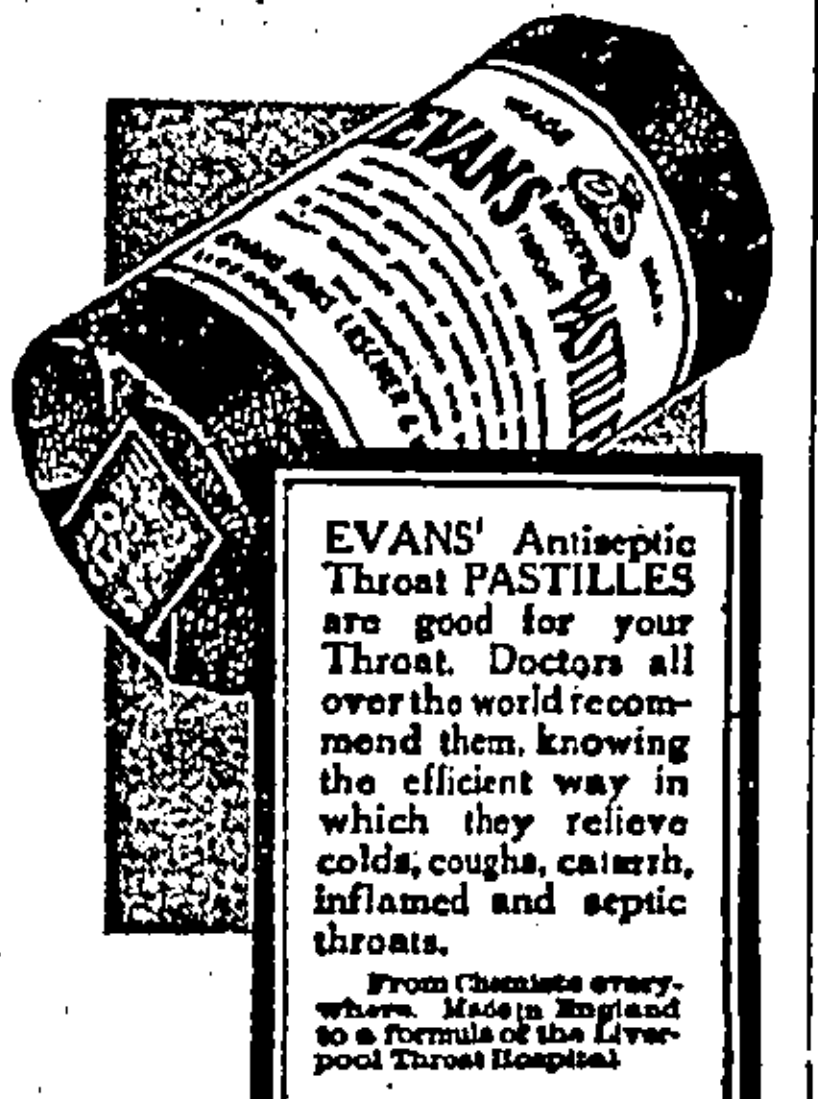
"Dim, shadowy lighting, with brighter angular shafts and beams at a slightly futuristic angle where such added light is necessary, to show the action clearly, are much more productive of eerie effects than a broad, harsh illumination that hides nothing. But all this must be done carefully and without any too-startling qualities, or the audience will have its attention diverted to the lighting itself rather than the mood of the scene—something that must be avoided at all costs."

In "Temple Tower," the all-talking melodramatic novelty which Donald Gallagher directed for Fox Movietone, Clarke has achieved some highly noteworthy results with his "mood" lighting of this breathless and exciting picture. Kenneth MacKenna, Marcelline Day, Henry B. Walthall, Cyril Chadwick, Peter Gawthorne and Ivan Linow are in the cast of the production which opens to-morrow in the Queen's Theatre.

"THE LAST WARNING."

For those in favour of mystery thrillers, the Star Theatre offers an excellent film entitled "The Last Warning" which is being screened to-day. The leading players are Laura La Plante and John Boles supported by Montague Love, Margaret Livingston, Roy D'Arcy, Bert Roach, Mack Swain, and Burr McIntosh.

The film holds one with suspense from beginning to end, and contains thrills aplenty, with romance intervening.



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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of February, 1931, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS OF the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 13th to FRIDAY, the 27th February, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

THE HONG KONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and Electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 20th February, 1931, to THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period NO transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

SPORT NOTICES

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

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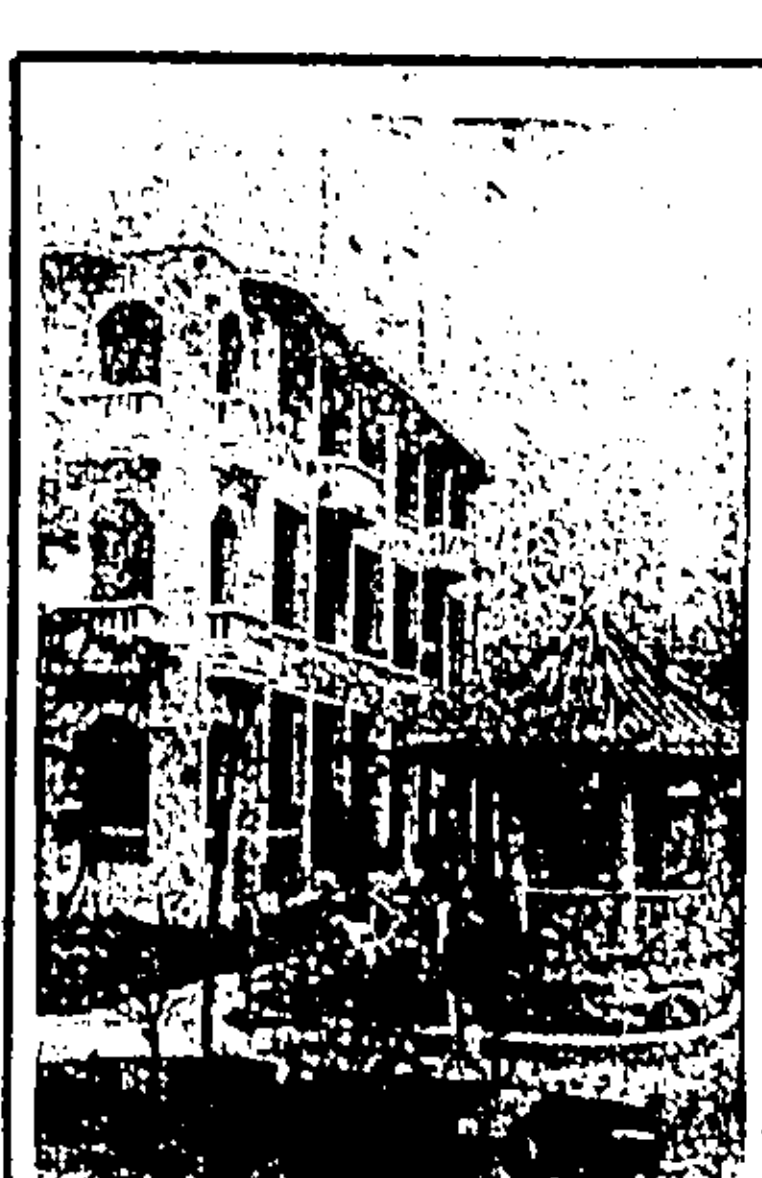
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THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS and VEGETABLES will be held at the City Hall on THURSDAY, February 26, 1931. Entries will definitely CLOSE at Noon on THURSDAY, February 19, 1931, at the Hon. Secretary's Office, but it is hoped that intending exhibitors will send in their entries as early as possible.

J. T. BAGRAM,
Hon. Secretary,
11, Queen's Road, Central.

NOTICE.

R.M.O.C.A. THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association will be held on SATURDAY, 14th February, 1931, those wishing to attend please communicate with Hon. Sec., C. E. FRITH, Sanitary Department.



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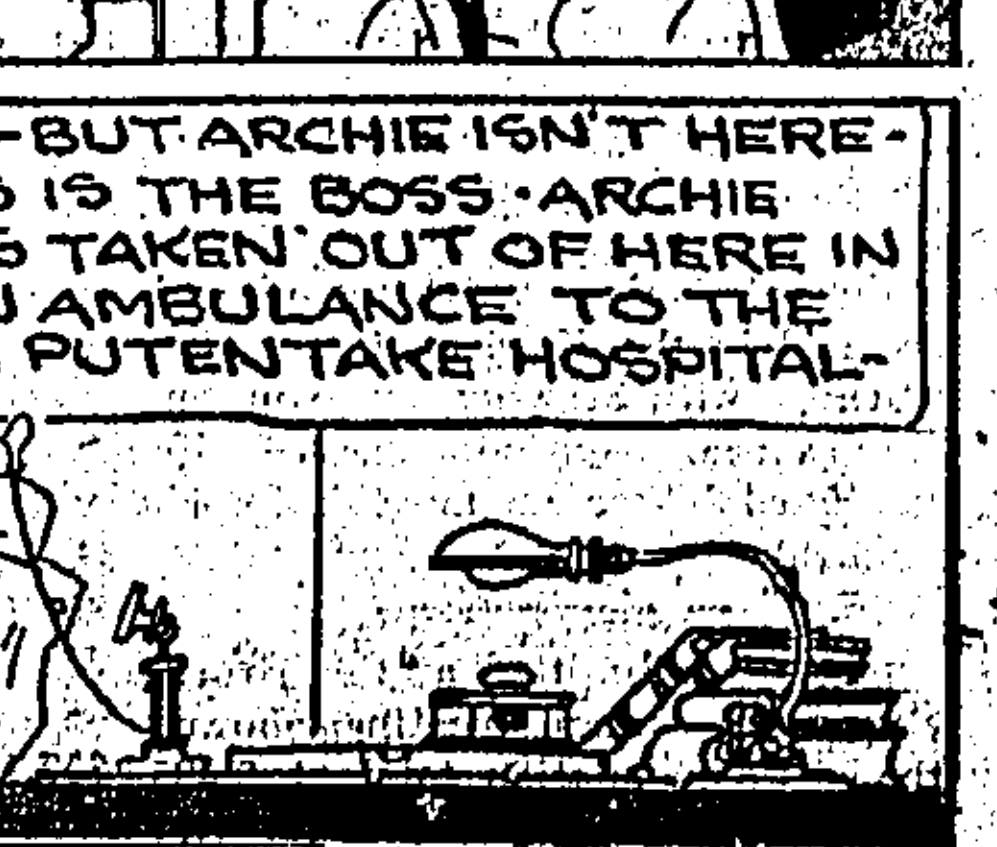
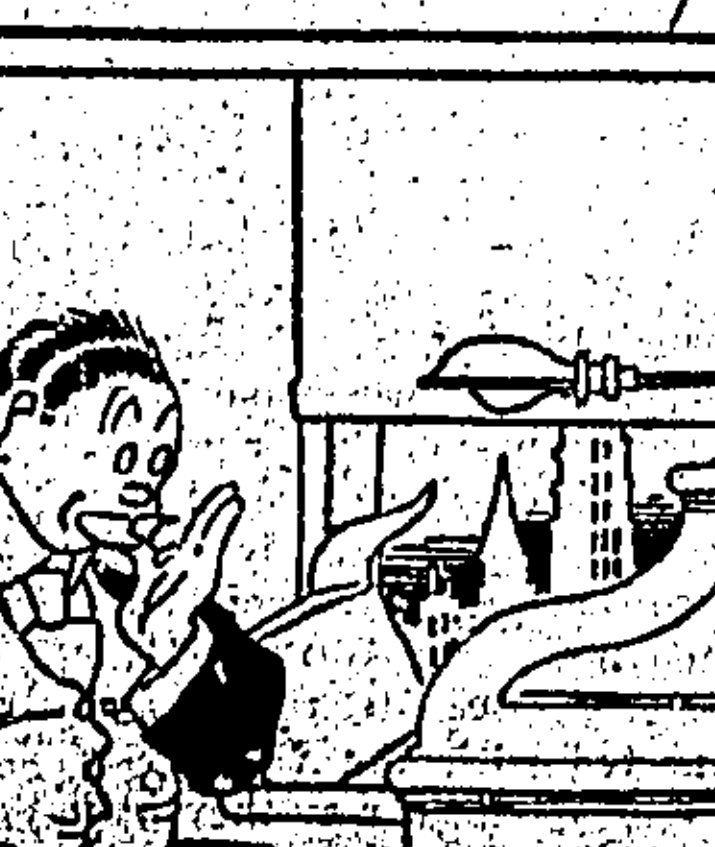
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Laurel has shown the shortened dance dress. Jane Regny has slit and slashed the skirts of her newer models and comes out in favour of shortened skirts and uneven hems and edges for the summer, at any rate.

We have been talking of the instep length, but now the ankle is revealed by Patou in a new skirt with V opening pointing upward at the centre front, although this graceful gown floats backwards to a sweeping train.

Madeleine has made a dress of attractive proportions, long at the back and shortened across the front. And Mme. Jenny, who is ever ready to uphold the youthful, medium measurements in the fall of skirts, says, once again, that it

has taken forty years to make women young, and that therefore it is highly unlikely that she, at any rate, would countenance an established full-length skirt which would consign them again to an old age. Mme. Jenny has never willingly shown models for young women of dragging skirts. And all



We are, almost certainly, entering a Spring season in which the day length will be uniform, reaching a very little above the middle of the calf.

This eliminates from the Summer escape the long street dress for afternoon, and settles the evening and early evening length uniformly—that is, the cocktail or bridge dress, at one with the Summer dance frock, and both barely touching the instep or uneven in line and length with ankle height in favour.

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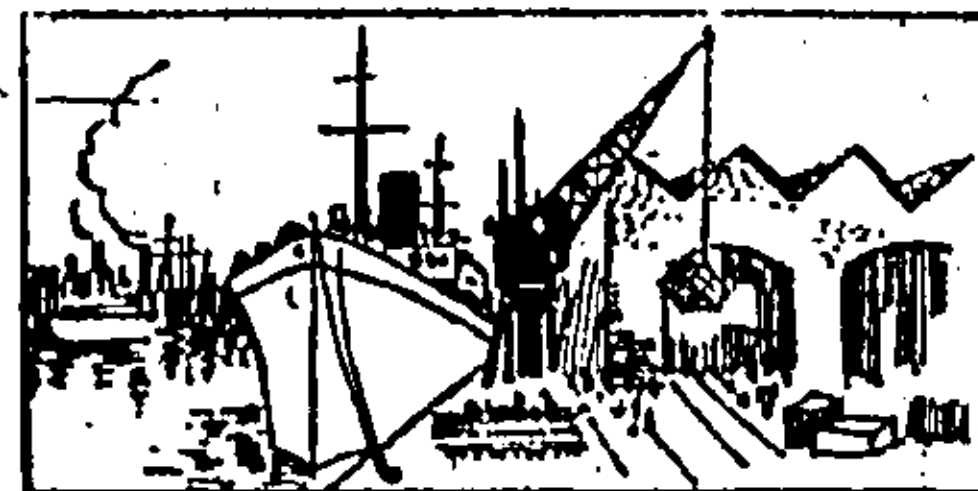
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The Chairman the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Inchcape, said inter alia: "During a somewhat lengthy experience I have never known trade so bad as it has been during the past few months. The disturbances, lawlessness, and boycott in India, the conditions in Australia, and the Civil war in China, added to the severe fall in the sterling value of the dollar and tael, have seriously affected shipping."

The financial situation in Australia causes us and our allies grave inconvenience. We have a very large sum of money lying there which we cannot get home except at a very heavy discount, which we do not like to pay. We are hopeful that before long normal conditions may be restored, and in the meantime the money is lodged with the banks earning a fair rate of interest.

The latest figures available show that on October 1 there were laid up 368 British ships with a total of 885,418 tons, either owing to there being no employment for them, or employment at rates which would be insufficient to cover the bare cost of running. The prospects ahead of shipping are far from bright and in spite of all efforts to economise and reduce expenditure there has been, and continues to be, the greatest difficulty in making voyage results show anything except heavy losses.

The Dividend.
Thanks, however, to the conservative policy pursued by the board for many years, we are able to put before you a statement of accounts which enables us to recommend to the Deferred stockholders the payment of a final dividend of 5 per cent, making a total payment for the year of 10 per cent, free of income-tax. (Cheers). I feel sure the stockholders will, in these altogether abnormal circumstances, support the board in recommending a reduction of 2 per cent. in the year's dividend as compared with that of the previous year. (Hear, hear).

Insurance and Depreciation.
The amount at the credit of our insurance fund at the end of September 1929, was £3,000,000. This year it was £3,027,702 10s. 11d., and from this amount we have taken £27,702 10s. 11d. into profit and loss account, which left it at £3,000,000. The P. and O. fleet has hitherto been run to a large extent uninsured, and we have now decided to insure all our ships outside against total loss, and to reduce our insurance fund to £1,000,000, applying £2,000,000 to the depreciation of the fleet. The board are of opinion that this is a safe measure to adopt in view of the present deplorable state of trade generally and of shipping in particular.

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Suez Canal Dues.
I am glad to be able to report that the directors of the Suez Canal Company, in view of the greatly depressed condition of shipping, were good enough to make a reduction of 25 centimes gold in the canal dues as from September 1 last, the rate from that date being fixed at 6 francs 65 centimes gold per ton, which is only 40 gold centimes above the pre-war rate. (Hear, hear).

During the year 1917 to 1920 the rate was 8 francs 50 centimes gold, so that the dues have been gradually reduced since then by 1 franc 85 centimes gold per ton, and in the same period the dues on ships in ballast have been reduced from 6 francs gold to 3 francs 82½ centimes gold, a drop of 2 francs 67½ centimes gold per ton.

I may mention that the period of transit through the canal has been materially shortened. The Mantus, which arrived at Port Said home-wards, was only 10 hours in the canal. Many of the awkward turnings have been removed, which has improved the navigation.

The Year's Traffic.
The P. and O. and its allies during the year under review have transported 2,041,949 passengers across the seven seas without having been responsible for the loss of a single life. (Hear, hear). There was this with all trepidation, as to the fact that I may state that our first object was to see that our vessels

are kept in perfect order as far as is humanly possible, regardless of expense. In this we have the loyal co-operation not only of our marine and engineer superintendents, our dock and purser superintendents, but also of our captains, officers, engineers, and agents everywhere. It would be impossible to have a more loyal or efficient body of men to look after our ships and their safety. (Hear, hear).

Statistical Comparison.
I think it may be interesting to our stockholders to compare some statistical figures of this year with those which I quoted a year ago. Although the number of ships actually in commission during some period of the past year is slightly in excess of the number for the previous 12 months, they have run 750,000 miles less than in 1929, and the cargo carried has dropped during the same period by 1,000,000 tons. The number of passengers carried has fallen by 50,000; the number of animals has also dropped by 50,000. All this is the outcome of the terrible trade depression. The average daily crew employed on board the ships has been slightly reduced compared with the figures of last year, with a corresponding diminution in the amount expended on wages and victualling.

Running of the Fleets.
A year ago it was my privilege to say that of the 322 ships owned by the P. and O. Company and its associates not one had been lost. In August last, however, the Tahiti, of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand and San Francisco, after an accident to her propeller shaft, went down, and although she had 252 souls on board all told, there was no loss of life, thanks to the skill and resource of Captain Toten, his officers and engineers, and to the unflinching devotion of the crew, and to the discipline and good humour of the passengers, and thanks, above all, to Marquis Marconi's wireless, which brought to the Tahiti a ship to which everyone on board was safely transferred.

After the public inquiry in New Zealand the Court pronounced the following verdict: "The loss of the Tahiti was due to a peril of the sea which no reasonable human care or foresight could have avoided. The ship was staunch and well found. The cause of the loss was breakage of tail shaft, probably by diagonal or scarf fracture, resulting in over-riding of hull and injury to the base of the water-tight bulkhead. The Court awards the highest praise to all concerned, with special reference to the resource and cool, accurate judgment of the master and courage and endurance of the engineers."

New Tonnage.
You will have seen from the report we are building six steamers and you may wonder why in the present condition of trade and shipping we are launching out into new tonnage. I will explain.

We have sold six steamers during the last year, five to be broken up and one, a comparatively new one, to the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand. We have got to look ahead. Some of our vessels are advancing in years, like your chairman, and it is the policy of the board to bring forward new and up-to-date tonnage.

The ships which we have contracted for will all have speed in excess of the vessels which are getting old. They will be adapted for oil fuel, which gives greater cleanliness in bunkering and greater expedition than coal. They will have the latest designs for economic fuel consumption and they will have less vibration. The passenger steamers are being arranged to ensure as much comfort as possible for those who travel in the ships; they will all have the punkah-bourre arrangement to keep the alleyways, the public rooms, and the cabins supplied with cool and fresh air in warm weather and with warm air when it is cold. Possibly 20 years hence the vessels we are now designing may be out of date, but we are all doing our best to anticipate the future, so far as our judgment goes.

"First Class" in 1874.
Things change and will go on changing. I went to India in May, 1874, in a P. and O. steamer from Suez, having crossed Egypt by land. She was 2,441 tons gross register, had a bare deck, and close, bulwarks; all her cabins were below, oil lamps, no electric light, no fans. I was in a first-class cabin with seven others and we had two wash-basins. (Laughter). There was no music room, no writing room, no lounge, no smoking room. A number of the cabins were of the din-

ing saloon; the cabins shared an oil lamp with the saloon, and the carpenter came round at 10 o'clock and turned the lights out. A candle for a cabin was only provided on the doctor's order. (Laughter). She raced along at 10 knots, and going down the Red Sea in the month of May was no joke. The Aden-Bombay Ferry Service. We have been able to dispense with the ferry service between Aden and Bombay, utilizing the China or Australian steamers with their improved speed for the fortnightly service both ways, thus avoiding the transfer of mails and passengers at Aden, which was expensive and not very popular. This freed the Razmak, which has been sold to the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand to take the place of the Tahiti on the New Zealand-San Francisco service. The transaction will come into next year's accounts, as delivery of the vessel was not made until after September 30.

I felt some responsibility in suggesting to our friends the Union Company of New Zealand that they should purchase the Razmak and 10 days after she was delivered in Auckland I telegraphed to the company: "Hope pleased Razmak" and was relieved to get their reply: "Very pleased Razmak valuable attractive addition to our fleet."

Care of Passengers' Baggage.
I mentioned last year that, when I was in India a few years ago, I saw a remark in a newspaper there that passengers landing from the P. and O. were constantly losing their baggage and that I had had a record kept for 1928-29 of the number of passengers landed and the number of packages missing. It showed that 9,523 passengers had been landed from P. and O. steamers in Bombay from Europe with 35,230 packages of baggage and that there had not been one missing. For the year 1929-30 9,400 passengers have been landed who had 94,000 packages of baggage and of the 94,000 only one has not been traced. Fortunately this package was insured and the owner recovered its value. Where the package has gone to no one knows, except the person who made away with it.

A Bill of Fare of 1862.
Some little time ago I received a letter from a lady enclosing a P. and O. dinner bill of fare of the steamer Simla in 1862, which she had found among her mother's papers. She said she thought it might be interesting at the present time, and at the risk of boring you I will read it:—

P. and O. s.s. Simla
BILL OF FARE
15th day of January, 1862
Mutton Broth
Roast Turkey
Roast Sucking Pigs
Roast Fore Qrs. Mutton
Roast Geese
Roast Ducks
Roast Fowls
Roast Beef
Roast Haunch Mutton
Corned Beef
Boiled Legs of Mutton
Boiled Fowls
Fowl and Ham Pies
Kidney Pudding
Sheep's Head, Braised
Pig's Feet Stewed
Chicken Sauce
Curry and Rice
SECOND COURSE
Fruit Tarts
Black Cap Pudding
Sandwich Pastry
Baked Custards
Apple Turnovers
Jam Tartlets
Sponge Cakes
Brighton Rocks
Pancakes
Rice Puddings

I think the digestion of our passengers 70 years ago must have been stronger than it is to-day (Laughter).

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Iroquois—North wall.
Sterling—North wall.
Potsdam—North wall.
Herald—South wall.
Scrap—East wall.
Moth—East wall.
Kent—North-Arm.
Cumberland—West wall.
Osiris—in dock.
Oswald—in dock.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Olin—No. 2 buoy.
Otus—No. 2 buoy.
Berwick—No. 6 buoy.
Sandwich—No. 7 buoy.
Scrap—No. 8 buoy.
Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.
Bridgewater—No. 12 buoy.
Marston—No. 13 buoy.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Mindanao—American gunboat.
McFinn—Chinese gunboat.

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LAUNCHING THIS MONTH.

Officials of the Dollar Steamship Lines announce that the second \$8,000,000 Turbo Electric Dollar Liner now under construction will be known as the s.s. President Coolidge, the Executives of the Robert Dollar Company having secured the consent of the former President, Senator Coolidge, to use his name for this new steamer. The s.s. President Coolidge will be launched in Newport News on February 21, and will take her place amongst other liners of the Dollar fleet operating in the new service between the Orient and New York via San Francisco and Panama Canal. The President Coolidge will begin her maiden voyage from New York westward on October 15 next.

EASTERN PORTS.

DETAILS OF EPIDEMIC DISEASES.

The health Bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended January 31, issued by the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, gives the following cases:—

Plague.
Bagdad: 3 cases, 2 deaths.
Basseln: 1 case.
Colombo: 1 case, 1 death.
Bangkok: 4 cases, 3 deaths.
Pnom-Penh: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Cholera.
Calcutta: 24 cases, 19 deaths.
Madras: 7 deaths.
Negapatam: 7 deaths.
Pondicherry: 8 cases, 3 deaths.
*Hilo: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Bangkok: 1 case.
Pnom-Penh: 2 cases, 2 deaths.
Small-pox.
Bombay: 2 cases, 1 death.
Calcutta: 40 cases, 29 deaths.
Cochin: 8 cases.
Karachi: 2 cases, 1 death.
Madras: 3 cases.
Penang: 2 cases, 1 death.
Shanghai: 4 deaths.
Greater Shanghai: 6 cases, 1 death.
Imported.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, Jan. 5.

Morioka Maru, Japanese str., 4,469 tons, Capt. I. Yokoyama, from Calcutta, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.
Jasho Maru, Japanese str., 1,105 tons, Capt. H. Nakahara, from Keelung, buoy No. B27.—Y.K.K.
Tai Poo Sek, French str., 1,219 tons, Capt. M. Paul, from K. C. Wan, G.M.S.N. Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.
Texas, American str., 3,533 tons, Capt. Arthur D. Hansen, from Kobe, buoy No. A8.—States S.S. Co.
Friday, February 6.

Hal Hing, Norwegian str., 1,445 tons, Capt. Olaf S. Olsen, from Swatow, buoy No. B18.—Thoresen & Co.
Kamo, British str., 725 tons, Capt. W. Beer, from Hongkong, buoy No. B28.—Williamson & Co.
Liangchow, British str., 1,220 tons, Capt. John Taylor, from Canton, buoy No. C4.—B. & S.
Ravnefjell, Norwegian str., 1,427 tons, Capt. C. J. Tennefoss, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. C8.—Dodwell & Co.
Talyetau Maru, Japanese str., 2,889 tons, Capt. Matsuo, from Sakito, buoy No. A19.—Y.K.K.
Takada, British str., 6,967 tons, Capt. J. G. Leindon, from Calcutta, Kowloon Wharf.—M. & Co.
Utrecht, Dutch str., 709 tons, Capt. J. H. Kop, from Canton, North Point Anchorage.—A.P.C.

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*KASHGAR	9,095	14th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
MALWA	10,980	28th Feb.	Marseilles & London.
*ALIPORE	5,273	3rd Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KHIVA	9,135	7th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KHYBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	9,114	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	11th Apr.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RASPUTANA	10,558	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	—	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	8,985	6th June	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RANPURA	10,501	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,095	4th July	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KHYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RASPUTANA	10,558	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
CATHAY	15,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KALYAN	9,144	26th Sept.	Mars. L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.

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TALMA	10,003	1931. 7th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
KADADA	6,949	27th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,006	19th Mar.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHIA	7,754	2nd Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TALMA	10,000	12th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South).

TANDA	6,953	1931. 28th Feb.	Marila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st Apr.	& Melbourne.
NELLORE	6,953	1st May	

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The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamers for Southampton and
London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

TAKADA	6,949	1931. 8th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KHYBER	9,114	14th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOMALI	—	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	28th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	28th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
SANTHIA	7,754	11th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
KARMALA	9,128	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SOUDAN	—	19th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	24th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RASPUTANA	10,558	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,953	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TAKADA	6,949	10th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	24th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	8,985	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TALAWA	10,018	12th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANPURA	10,501	22nd May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,095	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	19th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,953	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RASPUTANA	10,558	17th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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DOLLAR LINE'S NEW SCHEME.

Revised Services from
Hong Kong to U.S.A.

LOWER FARES ANNOUNCED.

Details of the new New York
Manila round trip service of the
Dollar Steamship Lines were
officially announced by officials of
the Robert Dollar Company on
February 5.

The President Pierce sailing
from Hong Kong, March 24, for
San Francisco will be the last
sailing on the San Francisco ser-
vice under the old schedule. The
following week the President Jack-
son will sail for San Francisco and
continue through to New York via
Los Angeles, Panama Canal and
Havana. This steamer leaves
Manila on March 28; Hong Kong,
March 31, and arrives at San Fran-
cisco on April 21. Arrival at New
York is May 9. The President
Jackson leaves New York May 14
on her return trip to Manila. Fol-
lowing the President Jackson at
fortnightly intervals will be the
President McKinley, President
Grant, President Cleveland, Pres-
ident Pierce, President Johnson,
President Wilson.

Forty-Day Service.
The new schedule will enable
the Dollar Steamship Lines to
serve the Orient most effectively,
said Mr. Geo. J. McCarthy, Assis-
tant General Passenger Agent. He
pointed out that Hong Kong is now
provided with a direct 40-day ser-
vice to New York via the Panama
Canal in addition to the regular
fortnightly round-the-world sail-
ings to New York via the Suez
Canal and Europe. The new ser-
vice is expected to appeal particu-
larly to residents in the Orient
destined to Europe who are now
provided with the opportunity to
take a direct fast passenger liner
to New York, spending a few days
at San Francisco, visiting Los An-
geles, passing through the Panama
Canal, one of the world's seven
wonders, visiting picturesque
Havana and New York. Immigra-
tion formalities and customs pro-
cedure will be reduced to the
minimum since such routing re-
quires only transfer at New York
to the trans-Atlantic liner. First
class minimum fare via this route
from Hong Kong to Europe is ap-
proximately Gold Dollars 734.00,
while if cabin class is used trans-
Atlantic, the fare will be Gold
Dollars 695.00 or thereabouts.

Of special interest is the in-
clusion of the President Johnson in
this service sailing from Hong
Kong, June 9. This steamer is
equipped with luxurious Special
Class accommodations carrying a
fare of Gold \$198 from Hong
Kong to San Francisco. The
Special Fare staterooms on the
President Johnson are large, well
ventilated cabins, equipped with
two modern beds and all travel
comforts. They have proved excep-
tionally popular while the Johnson
was in the round-the-world service.
This is the first time the Dollar
Steamship Line has been able to
offer reduced fare accommodations
to its eastbound patrons.

Sailing Date of New Liner
Announced.

After completing one trip the
President Johnson will be replaced
by the crack liner President Hoover
sailing from New York on her
initial trip on July 23 and due in
Hong Kong the first week in Sep-
tember. The President Hoover
will sail from Manila on her re-
turn trip to New York on Septem-
ber 12 and will remain in the New
York-Manila service thereafter.
The President Hoover was launch-
ed at Newport News on December
9 being christened by Mrs. Herbert
Hoover with a bottle of waters col-
lected from the seven seas by
Dollar Line commanders. The
vessel is the largest ship to be con-
structed in America and cost Gold
\$3,000,000. Luxurious accommoda-
tions are provided for 320 first
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vention conceivable for the com-
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President Taft from Manila on
April 2, followed by the President
Jefferson, Lincoln and Madison.

Of special interest in the new
schedule is the news of reduced
transit time between the Orient
and both Seattle and San Fran-
cisco. The Seattle schedule is re-
duced one day, while the schedule
of San Francisco steamers is re-
duced two days.

Service Unchanged.
The Round-the-World service,
inaugurated in January 1924, re-
mains unchanged. President
Liners will continue to sail west-
ward from Hong Kong around the
world on alternate Sundays.

Dollar Line Officials are en-
thusiastic over the possibilities of
the new schedules and point out
that the extension of his steamer
services by Mr. Robert Dollar, in
spite of the severe business de-
pression may be taken as concrete
evidence of his optimism for busi-
ness generally.

Pending receipt of new schedules
from America, The Robert Dollar
Company will list its eastbound
sailings for the balance of the
year in the newspapers. In the
meantime, schedules are being
printed locally for immediate dis-
tribution to the public.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. Empress of Japan on

February 5:—

L. S. Day, C. Morrison, R.
Holmgren, B. C. Grey, E.
Grensbarger, D. B. Judoh, C.
Encarnacao, S. A. Judoh, Mr. Olkan.
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Mrs. Olive Osborne, Mr. and Mrs.
P. Kerr, Miss C. Botelho, Mrs.
E. M. Clark, J. M. Wright, Mr. and
Mrs. A. Greene, E. Branscombe,
Mrs. Branscombe, E. McKinlay,
A. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lowry,
J. Barber, R. Scott, M. Oldaker,
Master Goodred, Master D. White,
Master K. Godfrey, Master P. Robin-
son, W. Wier, Mr. Thomas, Mrs.
V. J. Abercrombie, Comdr. and Mrs.
P. C. Baker, Mrs. C. Graham,
Mrs. Percy Burgess, Major Gen-
and Mrs. Harries, Miss M. P.
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Mackie, D. B. Ross, Mrs. Ross, Mrs.
D. P. Wade, Miss D. Weston, Mrs.
A. Cudliff, Master F. Cudliff, Mrs.
M. Draper, E. Humphries, Miss P.
Madden, A. Magzacani, Slater C. S.
Noble, J. Posner, Lieut. A. J. R.
Sinker, Mrs. Sinker, Mr. P. C. Owen
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tained.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
10th instant will be subject to rent.
All claims against the steamer must
be presented to the Underinsured on or
before the 24th instant, or they will
not be recognized.

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Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
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9th instant at 10 a.m. by Messrs. God-
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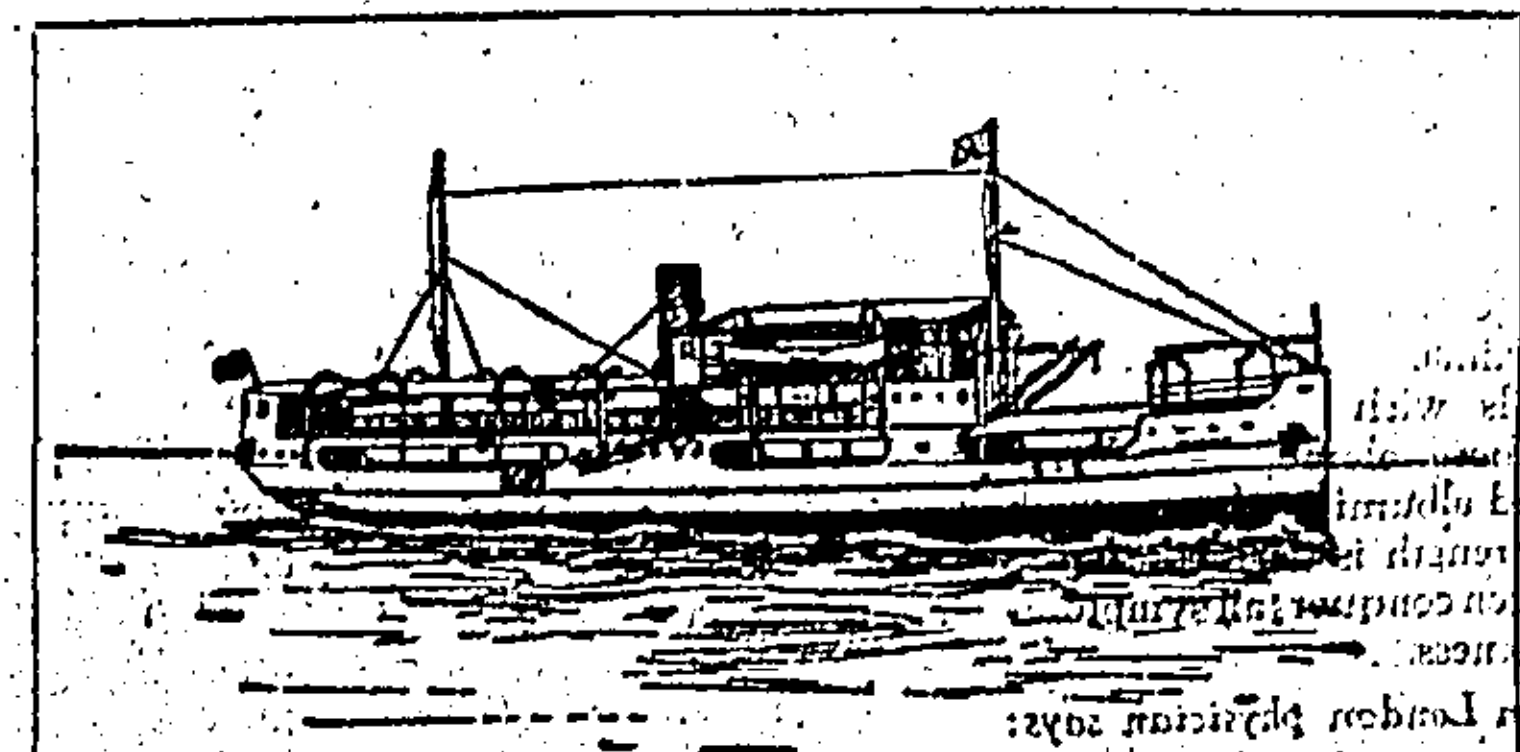
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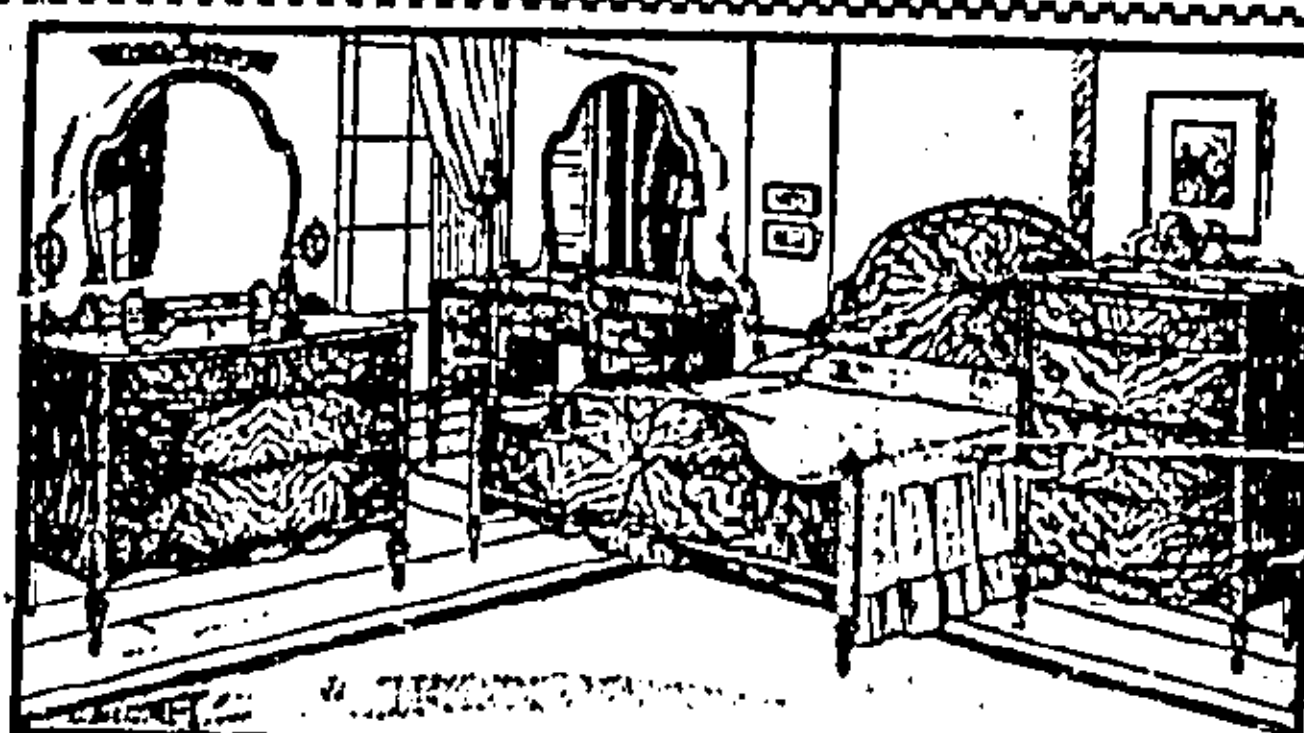
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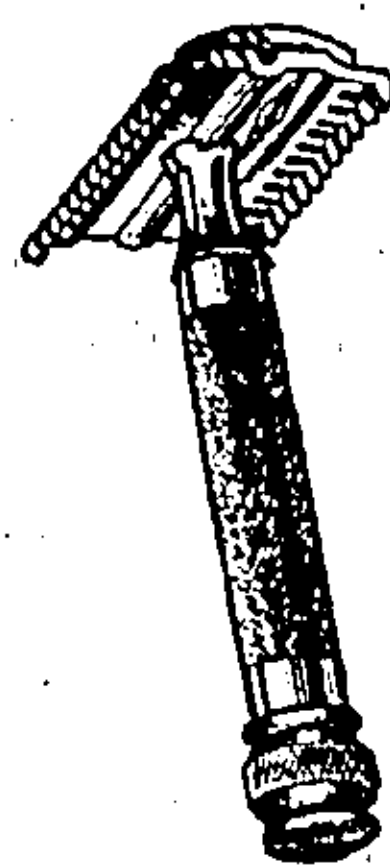
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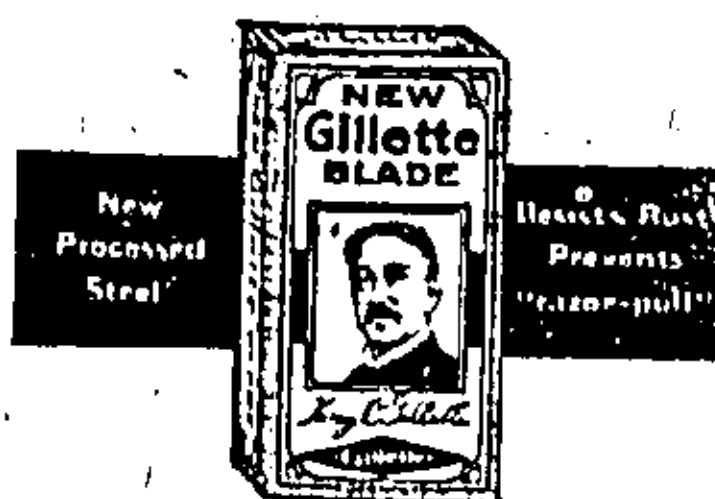
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ADVERSARIA.

"Without fear, favour or malice."

Words of the Great.

vance copy" writers for the films and that peculiar usage of patent medicine scribes. Let us now consider the words of the Great. From statesmen we do expect fine utterances, if nothing does result. What time the lofty-browed Churchill or the evangelical Ramsay slur the sweet accents of Harrow and Lossie-mouth in emulation of Chatham and Pitt, we in the cockpit of the world expect at least to read coyly-turned phrases and dashing lines. But alas! the days of noble oratory would seem to be over.

Speeches of modern politicians are a rapid of romance, and if there is a caution in the Premier's "statements" which is a cheerful change from the Teutonic flatness of his predecessor, there is also a vagueness and a circumlocution that suggest that he had been "swotting up" Dickens during the long vac. You must know the kind of thing I mean — "the adhesion of the Prince" — as though those magnificent potentates, in pomp and purple were sticky or oleaginous!

Then that gruesome word "co-operation" has been as ill-used as Stevenson's donkey, and "unity" and loyal support, and "safeguards essential to the etc., etc." Overdone, my dear people, absolutely. One can imagine these orators puffing out their chests, riveting their eyes on the plaster ceiling of the House, one hand thrust beneath their lapels, the other waving the force of treaty verbiage to its lodging within closed ears. And what does it all mean? Ask me another.

It is bad taste in a newspaper to "quote" the printing errors of a contemporary, and it is

significant that few newspapers of repute in Great Britain would do so. In a country where type is set up by Chinese printers perfection is not to be expected, and the public should consider itself fortunate that mistakes are so few. Where they do occur, it is just to overlook them, and it is not gentlemanly to expose them to ridicule as specimens of humour.

This preamble is an apology for what is to follow, for when Adversaria was revived it was decided that its aim should be to deal with current events in an amusing manner. But not everything that is written is funny, although it may be meant to be: articles ridiculing typographical errors are not at all humorous. It is not ignorance that is amusing, but ignorance pretending to be knowledge this is. Bad writing should always be exposed, even ridiculed, because it is apt to mislead the public. Writers who are obscure or deliberately involved, or who imagine that to be abstract is to be profound, should be treated as public nuisances. There should be laws to inflict penalties upon them, and they should be tortured by slow deaths, placed upon the rack, or have the tips of their fingers sliced. A punishment which might prove a deterrent for users of journalism would be to put them in a ducking stool, a good English custom which has unwisely been allowed to lapse. By these means the English language might in time become purged of malapropisms and neologisms. There can be few things more effective than torture for purifying one's style.

Of course, the candid plea of the journalist, and one not without justification, would be that he has no time to reduce what he wishes to say into a simple and concrete form. It is, in fact, as much easier for him to produce, as it is harder for his reader to understand, the slipshod, abstract stuff that he does rest content with. But it may be suspected that he often thinks the length of his words and his capacity for dealing in the abstract to be signs of a superior mind.

Let me give you an example of what I have been saying. A dance and concert in Hong Kong recently were described in the following words: "It would be putting it in mild form to say that all who attended... were thoroughly satisfied with the concert and more than enjoyed the dancing." It would be difficult to find a more typical example of journalism. First, what we may want to know is, what is that is put into "a mild form?" If the writer means that the dance and the concert were satisfactory, bound together and forcibly put "in" a form, we should think it not only "mild," but unusual and strange. One can do most things with dances "now," but surely what the writer seems to suggest rivals the miracle of St. Anthony! No wonder that "all who attended" were "thoroughly satisfied." I think I should have been if I had seen, instead of an ordinary concert, and dance, a conjuring trick which I believe would baffle Maskell and Devant. Later we are told that those who were present "more than enjoyed" the dancing. This

is a condition which surprises me; so much that I can find no superlative adequately to describe this pleasure that is more than pleasure. I wish I were able to enjoy things more than I can enjoy them; but, with a dollar worth 11½, it is not perhaps entirely my fault if I do not.

Gaining confidence after his discovery of this remarkable form of joy, he praises the "function" as being one of the most "successful," as though it were a clinical operation which had restored the powers of an organ—and then tells us how it "reflected credit" on the organisers, so that one may form in the mind a little picture of the organisers shining in the beams of credit which are reflected upon them—greatly to their embarrassment, I should think. We are told also that the concert was meant to be a "fillip to the dance," by which I presume he means "raising it above the unusual" and that "it served its purpose well in that the gathering was quite in the best of spirits and in that state of gaiety to trip the light fantastic toe with unrestrained enthusiasm." A variant of the old Greek Bacchanals, no doubt? Literature of this kind always makes me heavy-hearted, for it describes incidents of life which I feel must be fairy and can have no existence in this cruel world of fact.

Before I pass on to another subject I should like to quote another passage which appeared in the same newspaper, but on a page where better writing is supposed to be found. It runs: "... the British Cotton Mission has practically concluded its work and comes to Hong Kong more or less informally, to see what little the Colony and Canton may have to show, and to commence in our relatively placid atmosphere the onerous task of preparing its report." Is it possible that the writer means that the British Cotton Mission has ended its enquiries and is coming here to examine the trade of Hong Kong and Canton, as well as to write its report in peaceful surroundings? It seems shameful to prick this beautiful bubble of obscurity!

News in Brief.

At the Rotary Club tiffin on Tuesday Professor R. Robertson, M.A., will speak on "Gold and Trade Depression."

The lowest open air temperature was 62 degrees. The humidity at 10 a.m. was 81 degrees and at 4 p.m. 74 degrees.

A Chinese was this morning sentenced to four weeks' jail Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Police Court for the theft of a pocket knife, the property of Leading Stoker H. W. Hawkins, of H.M. Submarine Oswald.

For stealing a cotton quilt, the property of a watchman of the Kin Wah Matsui in Yue Chau Street, Chan Sui, an unemployed Chinese, was sent to jail for one month by Mr. Butters at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Li Shing-ying, a foki of the Ying Sheng Tai shop at Sha Tau Kok, has reported to the Police that between 7 p.m. on January 4 and 6 a.m. on January 5, some person maliciously cut the four tyres of his motor lorry which was left outside the shop during the night.

POLISH ELECTIONS.

A STRONG PROTEST FROM BRITAIN.

London, Dec. 16.
Fifty-one members of the House of Commons, belonging to the Democratic Control group, which is mainly recruited among Labour and Liberals, have addressed a petition to the League of Nations General Secretary, together with a statement for the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Henderson, protesting in strong terms against the unexampled reign of terror obtaining in the recent Polish Parliamentary elections.

The paper points out that a hundred men, women and children were whipped, some so that they had to be admitted to hospital, and others so that they are permanently crippled. Some were killed. A thousand were jailed in order to prevent them from voting. Seven hundred East Galician villages were subjected to unheard-of terrorism. In their explanation to Mr. Henderson, the signatories draw his attention to the farcical nature of the Polish and Polish-Silesian elections, and request him to use his influence to have relief brought to the victims and to give sympathetic consideration to the German Notes on the subject. The document ends by suggesting submitting the German-Polish dispute to arbitration on the lines laid down in the Locarno Pact.

VOLUNTEER CORPS

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

PREPARING FOR INSPECTION.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, state:—

PARADES.

Corps Band.
There will be a Band Practice at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Monday and Wednesday.

Battery.
Layers as detailed at 5.30 p.m. at Gun Club Hill on Thursday. Range Takers as detailed with Ranger takers from M.G. Company (as detailed by O.C.M.G. Co.) at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday at Headquarters.

Signal Section.—Parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Thursday for map reading, etc.
Staff.—At 5.30 p.m. on Thursday at Headquarters Lecture Room.

Engineer Company.
Monday.—Miniature Range shoot at 5.30 p.m.
D.L. Instruction will be held at 5.30 p.m. at Wellington Barracks on Thursday.

Corps Signals.
Parades will be held at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday.

Machine Gun Troop.
Practice parade for G.O.C.'s Inspection on Monday.

Armoured Car Company.
Car Section.—Parade on Monday at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Driving Instruction.

Motor Cycle Section.—A talk on "Field Message Writing" will be given by the Adjutant at 5.45 p.m. in Lecture Room on Monday.

Machine Gun Company.
The Company will parade on Tuesday in uniform at 5.45 p.m. at Headquarters at full strength. This is a practice for G.O.C.'s Inspection.

Dress:—Boots, hose-tops, puttees, shorts, tunics, helmet, belt, bayonet and frog and rifle with sling.

M.G. Course Part II.—No. 2 Platoon will fire this course at Stonecutters on Sunday, February 15. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. D. M. Richards. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10. Uniform or multi optional, but belt porches and bayonet must be worn.

Scottish Company.
Parades on Thursday—Squad drill with arms.

No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. under Captain H. R. Forsyth. Belts and frogs will be worn.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock under Lieut. A. Duncan, M.B.E. Belts and frogs will be worn. The Pipers and Drummers under Pipe Major Mackie will parade at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters on Wednesday for marching practice.

Range.—Musket Part II. will be fired at Stonecutters to-morrow. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and calling at Kowloon Police Pier at 9.10 a.m. Range Officer: Captain H. R. Forsyth.

Portuguese Company.
Parade.—The Company will parade as strong as possible at Headquarters on Friday at 5.30 p.m. for Arms and Foot Drill in preparation for the G.O.C.'s Inspection. This is most essential parade. Dress:—Optional; rifles, belts and bayonets.

Peak Range.—The Peak Range is allowed to the Company on Sunday, February 22. Details will be issued later.

Peak Range.
The Peak Range will be allotted to the Portuguese Company on Sunday, February 22.

Kennedy Road Range.
The Kennedy Road Range will be allotted to the Portuguese Company on Friday, February 20.

Appointment and Promotions.
Pte. Mong Ranjan Deb, Medical Section, to be promoted Corporal with effect from 6th inst.

Pte. T. P. Szabo, Medical Section, to be appointed Lance Corporal with effect from 6th inst.

Pte. T. S. D. Whitley, "D" Section, No. 2 Platoon, to be appointed Lance Corporal with effect from 3rd inst.

Struck Off the Strength.
Having completed 3 years' service Sigm. C. J. Waddell, Corps Signals, as from November 12, 1930.

Strength.
The following have been taken on Corps strength:—

Pte. M. E. M. Oakeshoot, No. 3 Platoon.

Pta. H. B. Joseph, A. Car Co. Car Section.

Pta. M. R. Deb, Medical Section.

Pte. Szabo Yan-Put, Medical Section.

Pte. So Ping-yin, Medical Section.

Pte. Ngan Keng-ha, Medical Section.

Pte. Tai Kin-hing, Medical Section.

Pte. Kum Nai-fat, Medical Section.

Leave.
Tpr. 1537 T. Lindars, M.G. Troop, sick leave extended to March 31.
No. 355 A/G.S.M. A. W. Brown, No. 7 Platoon, from February 4 to March 4.
No. 8 R.S.M. W. H. Edmonds, Corps Headquarters, from February 15 to December 15.
(Sgd.) W. H. G. Goner, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C. Troop Fines.

The Commandant wishes to thank very much indeed the following gentlemen who have presented ponies to the Machine Gun Troop:—

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Committees.
The following Committees have been formed in connection with the events as shown:—

Hong Kong Rifle League and Revolver Shooting.—Captain E. J. R. Mitchell, 2nd Lieut. H. J. Silva, 1/Lieut. F. C. Goodman.

Corps Rifle Meetings.—Captain W. H. G. Goner (hon. treasurer), 2/Lieut. E. G. Stewart (hon. secretary), Lieut. H. Westlake, 2/Lieut. J. V. V. dos Remedios, Corpl. C. E. M. Terry, Corpl. A. C. Feck, Pte. C. F. Frith.

TRAFFIC SIGNS.

PLEA TO PUBLIC BODIES TO PAY BILL.

BEGGARED TREASURY.

At the monthly meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday, presided over by Mr. Li Yik-mui, the question of putting up more electric traffic signs in the central district was discussed.

The meeting was informed by Mr. Chan Heung-pak that a letter had been received from the Inspector-General of Police on the matter.

The letter stated that a new traffic light has been put up as an experiment at the corner of Jackson Road and Des Voeux Road Central, which has resulted in considerable improvement in the handling of traffic at this particular point as it does away with hand signals which are not satisfactory. But, owing to financial stringency, no additional lights have been approved in the Estimates for 1931, and it has therefore occurred to the Police authorities that some public body, or a number of public bodies acting together, might be ready to present this signal to the community. The signal will cost \$70, which at the present exchange rate, will be somewhat in the neighbourhood of \$1,400 or \$1,500. The signal is no doubt expensive but it has proved its value in many parts of the world, and is visible from much further off than any of the locally made and very much cheaper signals.

The letter enquired whether the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce would be prepared to contribute towards the cost of erecting this experimental signal, rather than that it should be sent to Shanghai or some other Port. The Secretary of the Chamber was asked to let the Police know whether the above proposal was likely to meet with approval and if so to what extent.

Precedents Cited.

The letter added that in this connection it has been the practice in other cities, New York in particular for public bodies to present such signals to the City, the most notable instance being the beautiful traffic lights in Fifth Avenue which were presented by the Fifth Avenue Association. Possibly various Associations in Hong Kong would be ready to follow the example set by public bodies in other cities, concluded the letter. The Police have sent similar communications to the Secretary of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Automobile Association.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Chamber would be quite willing to assist the authorities by way of improving the means of communication in this Colony and would take the first opportunity of talking over the matter with the Secretary of the General Chamber of Commerce to see what action they would take. The question of opening a subscription by the Chinese Chamber would then be discussed by the Executive Committee.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of February 7, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5-.

Deep sympathy has been extended to Sir Bosham Wei Yuk, C.M.G., and family on the death on Monday afternoon of Lady Wei Yuk.

REVIEW OF CENSUS DEVELOPMENT

HONG KONG.

The taking of a Census in Hong Kong was in the early days of the Colony closely connected with the vexed question of the registration of the inhabitants.

Previous to the British occupation of Hong Kong the population of it probably never exceeded at any one time a total 2,000 people, whether ashore or afloat, but additional numbers were soon attracted to the new Colony by the high wages there obtainable. Many of these new-comers were worthy labourers and artisans but they also included a considerable number of "the scum of the population of the neighbouring mainland."

The Gazette of May 15, 1841, published, according to Eltal, the first figures of the population of Hong Kong. No mention is made of non-Chinese but the Chinese residents are given as numbering 5,650 composed of 2,550 villagers and fishermen, 800 Chinese living in the Bazaar, 2,000 on craft of various kinds in the harbour and 300 "labourers from Kowloon." The population of Kowloon Point, which was not included in these figures, was stated to be 800 Chinese.

By March, 1842, the population was estimated to have grown to over 15,000 people of which 12,360 were Chinese. Though little business was being done in the new Colony the Chinese population continued to increase and reached in April, 1844, a total of 19,000 which now included a sprinkling of some 1,000 women and children.

Checking The Influx.

Life was, however, insecure in the young Colony and the Government decided that some means must be devised for regulating the Chinese population and checking the influx into Hong Kong of undesirable elements from the neighbouring mainland. The Government also desired to avoid any appearance of promoting class legislation so that a Bill was passed by the Legislative Council to establish a registry of all the inhabitants of



"Well, Marjorie, did you learn much on your first day at school?"
"Yes, mother, a lot—but I have got to go again to-morrow."
Aussie, Sydney.

Hong Kong without distinction of nationality or status. Neither the European nor the Chinese mercantile community were apparently consulted in the matter and there was naturally great indignation. The British residents felt that their personal self-respect, their national honour and the liberty of the subject had been trampled underfoot; the Chinese made preparations to desert Hong Kong en masse and some 3,000 actually left. The provisions of the Bill were speedily suspended and eventually an amended Registration Ordinance (No. 16 of 1844) was substituted for it. This Ordinance applied the principle of registration only to the lowest classes and exempted from registration all Civil, Military and Naval employees, all members of the learned professions, merchants, shopkeepers, householders, tenants of Crown property and persons having an income of \$500 a year. The Ordinance came into force on January 1, 1845, and worked so smoothly that on December 31, 1846, it was possible to modify it (No. 7 of 1846) so as to provide for a periodical census of the whole population.

Decrease In 1848.

It is not clear, therefore, whether the figures given as the population of the Colony in these early days represent the results of a census enumeration taken on a fixed day or whether they are not an estimate based on the registration figures for the year together with a separate enumeration of the persons exempted from registration. Thus the population in 1847 is given as 23,872 and in 1848 as reduced to 21,514. In commenting on this, the Governor (Sir John Davis) attributed the decrease not to the alleged decay of local commerce but to a more careful registration "which, while giving a truer account of the actual number, relieved the Colony from those who hung loose on it and only applied for registration tickets to make a bad use of them."

The Taiping Rebellion had by this time broken out in China and Hong Kong began to reap the harvest which has invariably fallen to its lot whenever the adjoining districts of Kwangtung province are in a disturbed state. A flood of emigration set in towards Hong Kong (and Macao); some remained but many also passed on to the Straits Settlements, to California and to the West Indies. The population increased rapidly and Chinese capital, seeking a safe refuge from the clutches of the marauders, commenced to flow into the Colony for investment. Even the proportion of males to females now commenced to improve as the disturbances drove whole families to seek refuge in Hong Kong. In 1848 the population was about 21,500, in 1849 it rose to 29,500 and by the year 1853 it numbered 39,000. In 1848 one-fifth only were females but in 1853 the proportion had increased to one-third.

More Respectable Folk.

The disturbances continued for some time and the population increased rapidly. Referring to the year 1856 the Governor reported an increase in the respectability of the Chinese population and stated that a better class of people had now commenced to settle in Hong Kong.

In 1858 the population had increased to 75,503, in 1860 it was about 95,000 and the cession of Kowloon in 1861 brought the population up to 119,321.

After that year, however, the population increased more slowly and in 1871 it stood at 124,198. Government Notification No. 64 of May 6, 1871 gives the Census Returns of the Population of the Colony for 1870-71 and the date given as the date of the enumeration is 2nd April, 1871. It seems probable, however, that these figures represent something of a yearly average. A further census was taken "on the night of December 1st 1872, again on the night of December 4, 1876, and then we come to the regular censuses taken in 1881, 1891, 1901, 1911, and 1921 with intermediate and partial censuses taken for special purposes in 1897 and in 1906.

First Printed Report.

The report for the years 1870-71 is the first printed Census report that the writer has been able to discover and from it the following table is taken:—

Census of Hong Kong for each year on December 31 for 1856 to 1869 & Census 1870-71, exclusive of Military, Naval & Police Establishments.											
(Previous to 1870-71 the Police were included.)											
1856	1859	1860	1861	1862	1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868-69	1870-71
Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons	Persons
1,109	1,034	1,592	1,557	1,604	1,644	1,683	2,034	2,113	2,151	2,239	2,736
Americans & Europeans	668	477	784	1,284	1,268	1,336	1,488	1,645	1,231	1,150	997
Goa, Manila, Indian & others of mixed blood	82	150	100	100	100	100	150	200	200	180	57
Aliens chiefly Seamen & Temporary Residents	2,018	3,108	3,940	4,111	4,897	4,937	6,239	6,838	6,653	6,461	7,017
Chinese in the employ of Europeans	42,798	45,058	52,916	61,958	63,380	65,351	67,743	73,803	65,609	75,748	72,984
Chinese residing in Victoria	4,704	4,574	5,280	11,215	12,297	12,550	11,836	11,871	9,918	9,951	11,164
Chinese Boat Population in Victoria Harbour	16,277	14,701	17,417	18,871	21,336	20,699	20,991	19,153	18,855	13,030	14,033
Chinese Boat Population other than in Victoria Harbour	5,048	10,136	11,142	12,038	10,303	9,838	8,343	7,732	13,099	8,496	11,400
Vagrants	1,500	1,500	1,800	2,508	2,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	—
Emigrants	200	150	150	220	200	200	—	—	—	—	—
Street Coolies	—	—	—	5,000	5,000	5,000	—	—	—	—	—
Prisoners, etc.	—	—	—	450	625	695	705	780	718	452	478
75,503	86,941	94,917	119,321	125,511	124,850	121,405	125,504	115,098	117,471	117,285	119,477

Obviously Estimates.

Many comments could be made on these returns; some are obviously estimates only; but they would perhaps be of little interest now. The 2,736 European and American "Fixed Residents" in the 1870-71 Return were composed of 869 British (524 men, 160 women, 102 boys and 83 girls), 1,367 Portuguese, 170 Germans, 133 Americans, 60 French and the remainder of 14 different nationalities. The total Europeans and Americans in the Colony at the time (i.e. including the Military and Naval Establishments and the Police) was 5,931, the total Indians etc. 2,823, the total Chinese 116,444, making a total for the Colony of 124,198.

The report for the year 1876 remarks on an increase of the European and American community of 247, "almost solely attributable to the number of Portuguese who have made Hong Kong their residence" since the partial destruction of Macao by typhoon and fire in 1874. It also mentions that "Yammat" in Kowloon has become a new Town with a population of 10,000. The 1881 Census seems from a perusal of the report, and it has been taken by others commenting on Hong Kong Censuses to have

been the first "regular" census. It was taken on the night of April 3, 1881, and disclosed a population, exclusive of Military, Naval, Mercantile Marine, and Police of 162,858 persons. Including these, the total was 160,402.

The Report of the Census of 1891, taken on May 20, shows considerably greater detail on that occasion; the intermediate census of 1897 was a partial one only taken with the special object of discovering whether the population had been affected in any way by the sanitary measures occasioned by the plague of 1894; the census of 1901 included for the first time the New Territories which at that time had a population of 102,254 persons of whom 17,243 lived south of the Kowloon range of hills; the census of 1906 was also a partial one only and did not include the N.T. north of the hills. There does not seem to have been any particular reason for this census; the intention may have been the worthy one of having in future intercensal periods of 5 years only in place of ten; if that were so, the advent of the war no doubt suppressed the idea in 1916. The suggestion for a census in 1926 was considered but not proceeded with.

Going back, however, to 1911, we find that the census was then on a much more ambitious scale than ever before; full particulars were obtained not only for Hong Kong and Kowloon but also for the inhabitants of the New Territories and the floating population. This was carried on in 1921 and the schedule for 1931 has again been slightly increased and will be applied to all sections of the population.

TENDERS ACCEPTED

BUT THE AMOUNTS NOT DIVULGED.

The following names of successful tenderers are notified in the Government Gazette for general information:—

Motor spirit, P.W.D., A.P.C. (for 6 months).
Clothing, H.K.V.D.C., Sney Fung.
Boats, H.K.V.D.C., Fook Sing.
Construction of vehicles ferry berths, Kowloon, Wo Hong.
Improving existing main roads for motor traffic, Kowloon, Yeung Fat & Co.
Supply of prisoners' provisions, Hop Kee.
Cleaning Typewriters, Ramsay & Co.

During the month of October newspaper mills in Canada operated at 67 per cent. of rated capacity, which compares with 66.3 per cent. in September. For the ten months ended with October, mills in the Dominion operated at 70.4 per cent. capacity as against 84.8 per cent. in the similar period of last year. The report of the News Print Service Bureau for October revealed production in Canada during that month to have been 213,817 tons as against 195,490 tons in September. October shipments were quite large, amounting to 221,748 tons.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONG KONG NATURALIST.

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The first number of the second volume of the Hong Kong Naturalist will be published towards the end of February, 1931. It will contain upwards of 80 pages, including nearly 50 illustrations, two in colour.

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Volume I is sold out. Owing to the great demand for back numbers the Editors are prepared to purchase, at cost price if in good condition, any of the first four numbers that are no longer required.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 4.30 p.m.

To-day—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8 p.m.

To-night—Bachelors' Dance, Craigflower Cricket Club.

To-morrow—Bellios Old Girls' Association "At Home," 4 p.m.

Monday—Special Dance, Cheong Club, City Hall.

February 18—Dance at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's, 8 p.m.

February 21—Interpret dinner, Peninsula Hotel roof garden, 8 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"Men of the North." Theatre.

To-day—Central Theatre.

"The River of Romance." Theatre.

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"Glorifying the American Girl." Theatre.

To-day—World Theatre.

"Conquering Beauty." (Chinese picture).

To-day—Star Theatre.

"The Last Warning." Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Negapatam (Antenor); via Siberia (President Filmore); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Suwa Maru), 3.30 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

February 10—H. K. Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., ordinary meeting, Messrs Jardine Matheson's Office 12.30 p.m.

February 12—Annual meeting of "Star" Ferry Company Ltd., Jardine Matheson's Office, 12.30 p.m.

March 5—One hundred and eleventh meeting of H.K. Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Diocesan Girls' School prize distribution, 2.30 p.m.; St. Paul's College, 7.30 p.m.

February 12—French Convent School prize distribution.

February 19—Entries close for

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Feb. 8, 1931, Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Holy Communion (Peak Church), 8 a.m.

Children's Service, 10 a.m.

Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m.

Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.

Evensong, 6 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. J. C. Waters, R.N.

UNION CHURCH, Kennedy Road, Hong Kong.

Sunday, February 8, 1931.

Morning Service, 11 a.m.

Evening Service, 6 p.m.

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The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 365 metres:—

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-10.15 p.m.—European Programme of Victor Records.

7-7.25 p.m.—Wand of Youth Suite (Elgar), London Symphony Orchestra (1929-30).

7.25-8.22 p.m.—Variety.

Broken Hearted.

Alleen Stanley, Soprano (20825).

Who Are You Fooling To-night? Vaughan De Leath, Contralto (20825).

Humorous Song.

The Kind of Romeo.

The Road to Victory.

Instrumental Trio.

Fun at the Fair.

O'Brien's Wedding.

Ed. Geoghegan's Emerald (20762).

Song.

Exactly Like You.

On the Sunny Side of the Street.

Gracie Hayes (22425).

Humorous Song.

Crescent of All My Dreams.

All by Yourself in the Moonlight.

Banjo Solo.

You Don't Like It—Not Much.

Eddie Peabody (20839).

Band.

Sunshine Blues.

Mephis Jug Band (20781).

Singing with Guitar.

Yodeling Cowboy.

Blue Yodel.

Jimmie Rogers (22271).

Song.

You Darlin'.

I'm Yours.

Johnny Marvin (22555).

8.22-9.07 p.m.—Concert Items.

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

Orchestral.

Rendez Vous—Intermezzo (Aletier).

La Czarine—Mazurka (Ganne).

Victor Salon Orchestra (20480).

Song.

Toca—Love & Music (Puccini).

Maria Terina, Soprano (1945).

Violin & Cymbal Duet.

The Broken Violin (Pia).

Bela Schaffer & Feri Sarkoti (20749).

Piccolo Solo.

Song of the Nightingale (Elgar).

4-4 Little Song & Little Kiss (Hear-Silvers).

Harp Solo.

Autumn (John Thomas).

Orchestra.

NEW AUSTRALIAN RECORD.

Carlton Lowers Time for 100 Yards.

OLYMPIC RUNNER.

Sydney, Dec. 28. During the tea interval of the second eleven match at Sydney cricket ground yesterday afternoon J. A. Carlton, the Olympic representative, made an attempt on the Australian record for 100 yards. Previous times recorded on this ground according to a recent decision, are not being recognised as official, because of the slope from north to south. The record stood to the credit of E. W. Carr—9 4-5 sec.

For yesterday's attempt a special grass track had been prepared running from east to west. A fierce cross wind blew. Carlton won the race by less than a yard from McCaffrey. There were six timekeepers and it was announced that Carlton covered the distance in 9 3-5 sec. The watches varied from 9 1/2 to 9 4-5, but under the rules the middle figures are accepted if the timekeepers are not unanimous. As the referee decided that the wind did not assist the runners Carlton's figures will be accepted as an Australian record.

INTERNATIONAL SOCCER.

Come, gentlemen, be real English "sports," and lend the less-favoured countries their exiled, sons and bring international football back as one of the fine phases of our great game. Let us see which of the four countries is the best on the green—award with the Soccer ball that is still the symbol of the finest outdoor sport in the world.—W. Maley.

MICKEY WALKER FOR THE TITLE

Offer Made to Stribling and Sharkey.

Philadelphia, Jan. 10. An offer of \$100,000 (\$20,000) has been made by the Area Corporation of Philadelphia to the managers of Jack Sharkey and Mickey Walker, former middle-weight champion of the world, who has turned heavy-weight, to take place at the Municipal Stadium here next June.

WORTHY OF JOINING TEST SERIES.

Hobbs and Sutcliffe on Indian Cricket.

GREAT PLAYERS.

Calcutta, Jan. 24. Both Hobbs and Sutcliffe, interviewed by a Straits Times correspondent, at the end of their tour in India, said that C. K. Naidu was worthy of a place in a world cricket eleven.

They thought that Navle, the Hindu wicket-keeper, was equal to Oldfield (Australia), Duckworth (England) or Cameron (South Africa), and said that Ghulam Mahomed is India's best bowler.

They had seen enough to express the opinion, they added, that India could send a very good side to England next year. With a little coaching, India could produce a team worthy of joining the Test series, was the concluding remark of the world famous opening batsmen.

GOSSIP IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

WALTER LINDRUM'S APPRECIATION OF THE GREAT KINDNESS OF ENGLISHMEN.

FLYWEIGHT TITLE STILL IN THE AIR.

HEAVY LOSSES TO BLACKHEATH THROUGH INJURIES THIS SEASON

UNUSUAL CRICKET MATCH.

The British Badminton team, under Sir George Thomas, wound up their Canadian tour at Montreal by winning seven matches out of eleven against Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto stars.

Walter Lindrum, at Billiards, Thurston's last month, was presented with a cheque for \$500 by Mr. W. A. Camkin, the promoter of the International Tournament, as a recognition on behalf of "the trade" of his record break of 3,905 made two days previously—the highest break ever made by all-round methods in the history of billiards.

In making the presentation Mr. Camkin said the gratification which it gave the donors to acknowledge such a supreme feat would, he was sure, be shared by thousands of billiards players throughout the world.

Lindrum, who was cheered by a crowded hall, in thanking Mr. Camkin and the donors, caused a laughter by at once remarking, "It is a shame to take the money."

Continuing, he said it was only possible to make that kind of break in ideal conditions. It was necessary to have perfect cushions, a perfect cloth, and a perfect set of balls.

But equally important was the "atmosphere" of the surroundings. In that he was fortunate, for he never wished to play before more charming people than he met at Thurston's—people who understood the game and were appreciative of its finer points.

He might tell them his performances in England had been up to his best form in Australia, which he attributed solely to the fact that he was always playing in the same homely atmosphere when performing before an English assembly.

When he returned to Australia it would be a matter of duty on his part to tell his countrymen of the marvellous kindness at all times extended to him in England.

Frankie Genaro, al-Boxing, though he was born in New York of Italian parents, and although he is acknowledged in Europe as the fly-weight champion of the world, is not rated as such by the New York State Commission.

The National Boxing Association of America, however, acclaimed Genaro as world's champion many months ago; whereupon New York named Midget Wolgast as its champion, and arranged a contest between the two for Boxing Day.

It was a 15-round contest which was intended to settle the vexed question of who was the rightful champion of the world, but the good intention failed in its object. It is a case of "as you were," as a draw was declared at the end of a painfully tedious affair.

An unusual match was Cricket. recently down for decision in Rangoon when a side composed of six married men and six unmarried women opposed a side of six bachelors and six married women. We only hope that some of the partnerships indulged in during the match will not prove detrimental to the after lives of the players.

The report of the Middlesex County Cricket Club, to be placed before the annual general meeting at Lord's on January 14, shows a profit on last season's working of \$1,531. This is accounted for entirely by the \$230 share of proceeds from the Test matches with South Africa in 1929, and the \$1,285 share from the Test matches with Australia and the Test trial match last season. The balance sheet shows that \$18,785 is now invested by the club.

The Hampshire wicket-keeper, Livsey, has been asked to accept the post of cricket coach at Ep-

som College, in succession to James Seymour, the old Kent cricketer, who died a short time ago. It is understood that Livsey will accept the offer. If he does so, he will have to retire from county cricket at an early age. In addition to playing county cricket he has acted as coach for schools in South Africa and for public schoolboys at Lord's.

Although defeating the Arsenal in their Cup encounter, with-out Hugh Gallagher, Chelsea will have to look to their laurels, as Andy Wilson has also been cautioned for the same offence. Gallagher was suspended for two months for using insulting language to the referee. Chelsea cannot afford the loss of another player such as the inspiration of their forward line.

Plymouth Argyle have in the past regarded with friendly eyes a certain rook which, superstition has it, appeared on the flagstaff at the ground only when the team was destined to win.

LATEST CLUB RUGBY RESULTS.

R.A.F. Draw with Cambridge University.

WATSONIANS' WIN.

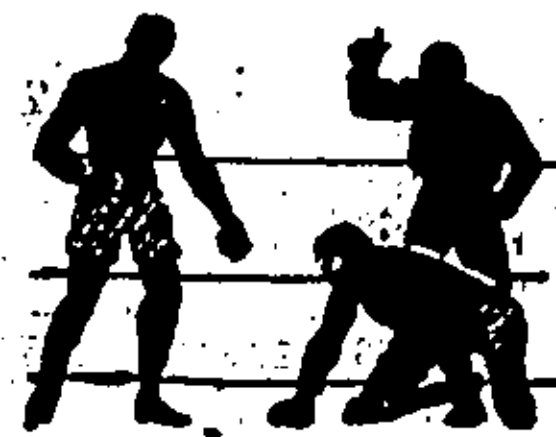
London, Jan. 17. The following were the results of Rugby matches played to-day:—Bath—Gloucester 9-3. Bristol—R.A.F. 11-0. Coventry—St. Bart's Hospital 22-8.

Guy's—Northampton 6-10. Leicester—London Welsh 14-8. London Scottish—Blackheath 10-0. Plymouth Albion—Newport 7-5. Richmond—Pontypool 6-8. Portsmouth Services—Old Blues 15-9.

Waterloo—Manchester 28-0. Llanelly—Neath 11-0. Penarth—Swansea 11-13. Edinburgh Wanderers—Stewartonians 16-15.

Watsonians—Melrose 23-8. London, Jan. 19. Torquay Athletic—Newport 3-13. London, Jan. 21. Bristol—Navy 0-8. R.A.F.—Cambridge U. 19-19.

BOXING



THEATRE ROYAL TO-NIGHT at 9.15.

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CRICKET ON THE HEARTH.

Modern Gift of Television.

London, Jan. 3. The prospect of watching cricket from 100 miles away is the latest development made in television by Mr. J. L. Baird, the inventor. Guests at a demonstration saw on a screen the full size figure of Strudwick in front of the wickets, and then eight figures appeared. They were actually in another room.

KID BERG WINS IN GOOD STYLE.

At Least One Briton Holding His Own.

POINT DECISION.

Madison Square Garden, Jan. 30. Jack Kid Berg, junior welter-weight title holder, defeated Herman Perlick, one of the Perlick twins, on points in a ten rounds fight here to-night.

Berg's decision was impressive, as Herman was never once in the lead. Kid Berg has, for the past few months, been making impressive showings in the fist world. He administered the first defeat suffered by Kid Chocolate of Cuba in the latter's career. He successfully defended his championship from Goldie Hess last Friday.

Perlick, in 1929, engaged in 39 matches, winning 27 by decision, 6 by knockouts and lost 1. The rest were no decision contests. He lost to Berg in July, 1929 at Chicago.—United Press.

LINDRUM—NEWMAN FINAL.

Wizard Registers 151st Four-Figure Break.

EMPIRE BILLIARDS.

London, Jan. 17. Lindrum, the Australian billiards wizard, completed the 151st four-figure break of his career in his match against Davis.

The semi-final of the Empire Billiards Tournament ended in a win for Newman over Davis by 5,148 points. Newman will meet Lindrum in the final.

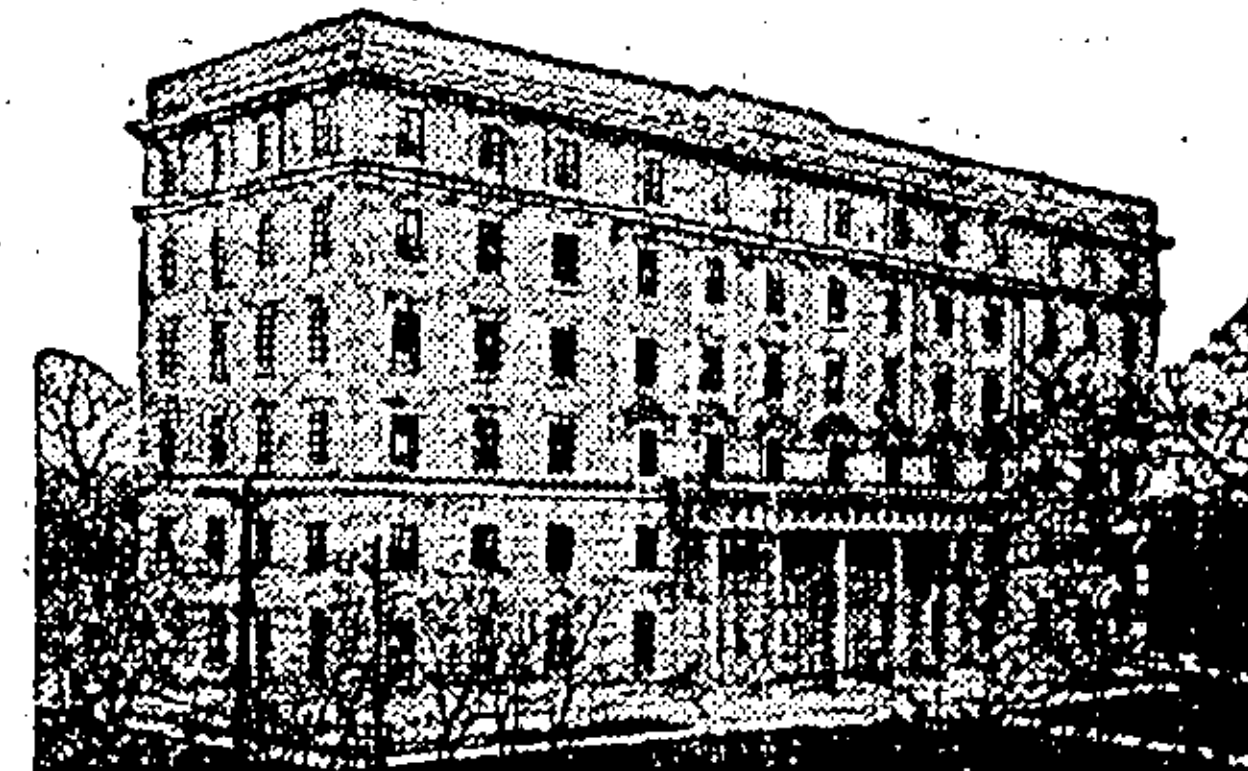
Empire Tournament. The Empire Tournament match at Thurston's, between Newman and Davis, to decide which should meet Lindrum in the final match, resulted in a victory for Newman to-day by 5,148.

The scores were:—Newman (break of 1,010) 30,663 Davis 25,515

Lindrum's Easy Win. In the friendly match which has just concluded between Lindrum and McConachy, Lindrum won by 4,418.

Scores:—Lindrum 23,801 McConachy (received, 7,000) 19,383

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All matches will be played on the Hong Kong Football Club ground starting at 3.30 p.m. sharp. Booking for the Interport ONLY will be at Messrs. Moutrie, Ltd., and will open for Clubs affiliated to the Association on February 5th. Booking for the General Public will open on February 10th. Prices:—Covered Stand \$2.20. Uncovered Stand \$1.10 including tax.

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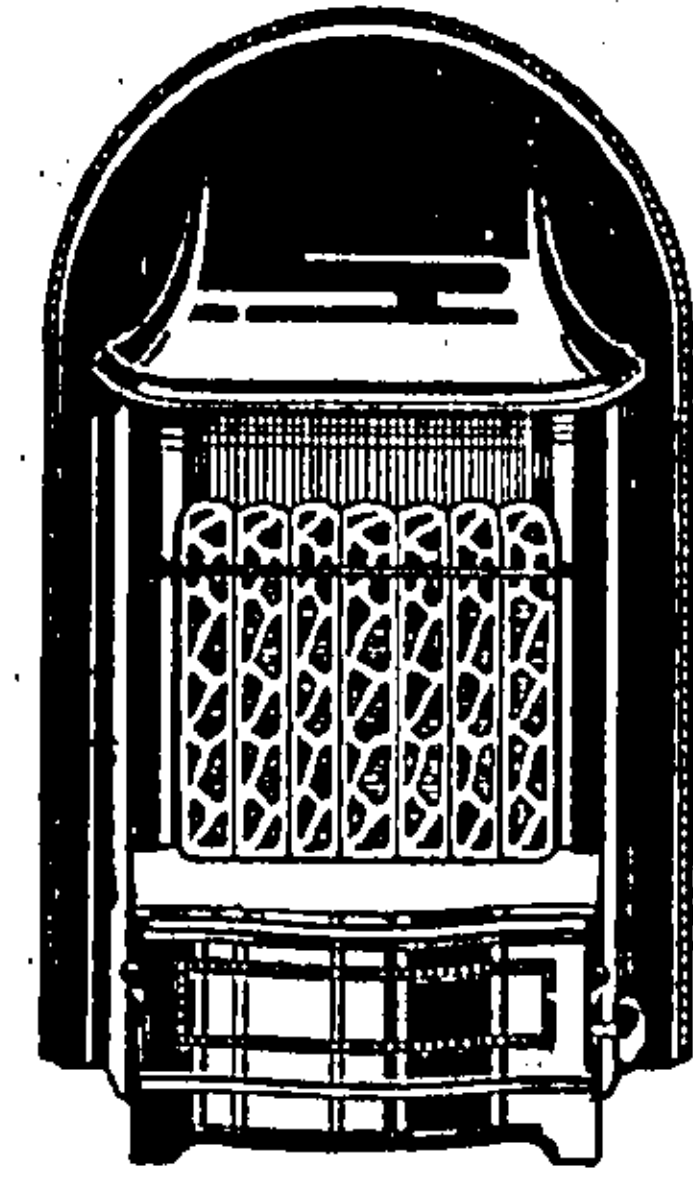
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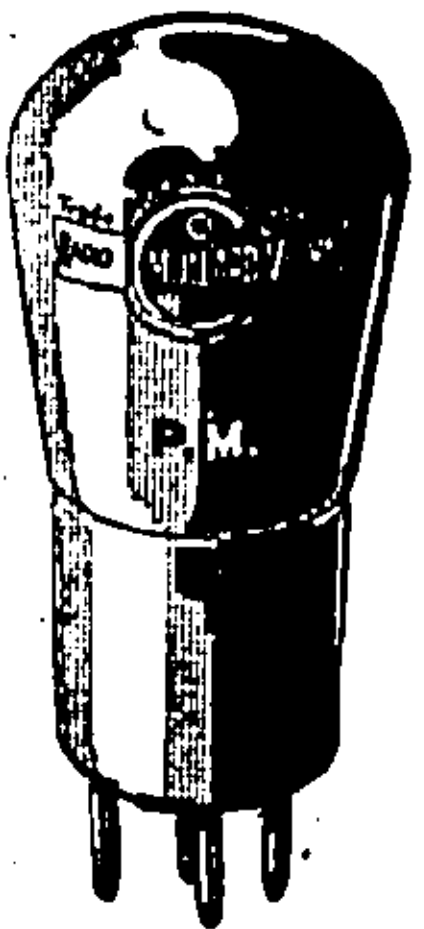
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BOYS OF LONG AGO.

CHARLES.

Charles stood before the Cardinal, listening intently to the great man's deep voice; but now and again his blue eyes flickered in the direction of the whip lying on the table. Charles was ten years old, the Prince's whipping boy, and the son of the Keeper of the Tower of London. As he stood before the Cardinal he hung his head with shame.



"Charles limped away to a corner of the dining hall."

The Prince, who was the same age as Charles, had defied the Cardinal his tutor, and flung his Latin books into the blazing wood fire. Thereupon Charles anticipated the terrible thrashing which the Prince merited and which he, the whipping boy, would receive, had run away and hidden in the wood all day. Now, of course, he would not only be whipped for the Prince's mis-

deeds, but also for his own offence. "Lack of courage is a grievous sin," continued the Cardinal. "Remember that long ago a goat was brought to the temple on the Day of Atonement and there, before the altar, that goat took upon itself the sins of the High Priest and all the people; then was led forth into the wilderness and suffered to escape, weighed down with sins not its own. The goat did not complain; but you, who are the Prince's scapegoat and bear only his chastisements, not his sins, have run away from your duty."

"I am unworthy of so kind a Prince and so great a Cardinal," murmured Charles. "I am ready for punishment." Then the Cardinal clapped his hands, and servants and lords entered with the young Prince. The Prince stood straight and stiff, a servant handed the Cardinal the whip, and Charles stretched himself across a wooden stool before the Cardinal. The Cardinal's hand was not light. Charles bit his lip each time the whip descended upon him, and the Prince uttered little stifled exclamations of distress. The whipping over, the Cardinal bowed to the Prince, who begged his pardon and then went to Charles's assistance.

Charles limped away to a corner of the dining hall, and the two boys sat down among the green rushes on the floor. The Prince put his arm round the neck of his whipping boy, and gave him three spiced honey cakes.

"And my favourite horse," whispered the Prince. Charles actually laughed for joy, and pushed the Prince over into the rushes to show that he had plenty of strength left. They were the best of friends, those two, and they fought side by side later on during the Wars of the Roses.

THE PINE TREE AND THE PRINCESS.

Once upon a time a lonely pine tree grew near the sea shore, and nobody took any notice of it. It looked towards the town beyond the sands and saw the sun gleaming on white marble palaces; it looked towards the sea and saw the rainbows playing in



"Every day the Princess went down to the sea-shore, while the pine tree watched the distant horizon."

the waves. But neither palace nor rainbow had any use for a pine tree.

One day a beautiful princess wandered down to the shore, sat under the pine tree, and began to weep.

"This will never do," said the pine. "Look the other way, maiden, and you will see the rainbows playing in the waves."

"No," replied the princess. "I am looking towards my home. The king of that marble palace has taken me captive, but my home is over there."

With her white finger she

pointed beyond the palace, beyond the purple mountain. The pine tree stretched out its branches to look.

"Can you see anyone coming?" asked the princess.

"No," replied the pine, "But I will watch for you."

Every day the princess went down to the sea-shore, while the pine tree watched the distant horizon; and the branches of the tree stretched out further and further till at last they were all leaning in the same direction.

"I see a poor man on a black horse," said the pine one day.

Now the poor man was a prince in disguise. He found the princess under the pine, but did not know how to escape with her through the town.

"Go along the coast," said the

pine. "I will send a message by the wind to tell the trees to point out the way."

So the princess got safely home. And when other travellers—secret, mysterious travellers—heard how the pine had helped her, they asked for aid, too, and since that day there has been a pact between the Lonely Pine and the Strange Ones.

Haven't you seen the trees all leaning and pointing in one direction? But who are the travellers for whom they watch and point?

THE BILLY BOYS' WORKSHOP

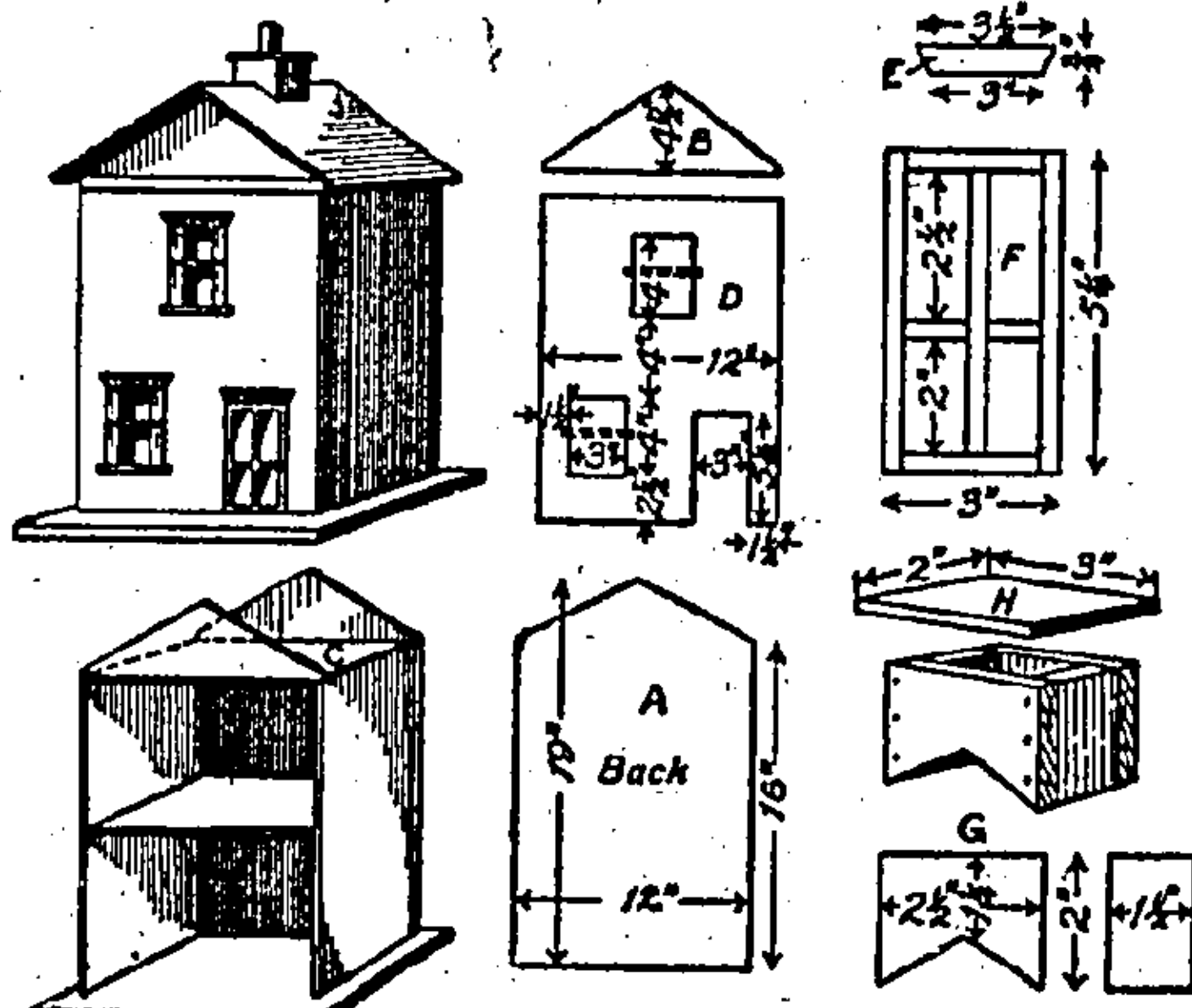
MAKING A DOLL'S HOUSE.

You can make a fine doll's house for your little sister from wood taken from a packing case, such as you can get from the grocer for a few pence. The wood should be a quarter-inch thick, except the piece for the base, which should be at least three-eighths of an inch thick. The little house has two rooms, two windows, and a front door which is made to open.

Cut the back part first to the sizes given at A, and saw the top at an angle from the centre line as shown. Now saw the top front piece B to exactly the same angle as the top of the back part A. For the sides, two pieces of wood, each measuring sixteen inches long and nine inches wide, will be required, while the middle floor and the top C are both

screwed to it from underneath. A piece of broom handle answers for the chimney pot, and the chimney base is glued to the ridge of the roof.

The front of the house should be carefully marked out to the dimensions given at D, and the door space and windows cut out with a key-hole saw. Smooth all rough edges with glasspaper folded round a flat strip of wood. The window bars are strips of wood a quarter-inch wide, the ends glued into slots on each side of the window openings on the inside. Above the door and windows, pieces of wood E, cut from one-eighth-inch wood, are glued and pinned in place. The window sills can be made from pieces of firewood, planed down to three-eighths inch square and nailed in position.



A doll's house made from packing-case wood. Carpenter tells you about it, and the diagrams will make everything clear.

cleven and a half inches by nine inches. The base is fifteen inches by twelve inches, and can be made with two pieces of wood, each six inches wide, butted and glued together.

Nail the back to the edges of the side pieces first; then fix the top part C and the middle floor. The sides and back of the house must now be glued on the base and afterwards fixed by nails driven in from underneath.

Nail the front part B in position, and then cut two pieces, each eight and a half inches by eleven inches, for the roof. Glue and nail these in place, and cut out pieces to the sizes given at G to form the chimney base. Nail these parts together, and fix the top part H to the chimney base after the chimney pot is

The front door should be cut to fit the door space. The panels are formed by thin strips of wood a quarter-inch wide and one-sixteenth-inch thick, nailed on as shown at F. Fit a small wooden or metal knob on one side of the door, and hinge the other side in the opening.

The complete house front is held in place by two hinges on the right hand side, and is kept closed with a small hook and eye fastening on the other side.

To complete the house, fix small pieces of glass on the inside of the openings with fine wire sprigs. These represent windows.

The house is now built, and you can paint it any colour you choose.

The Hut Carpenter.

PAYING FOR IT.

Mother was very careful indeed about the upbringing of her little son Tommy. Particularly careful was she to make him say grace before each meal. Recently in a restaurant, after the waitress had served tea, she said, "Now say grace, please, Tommy."

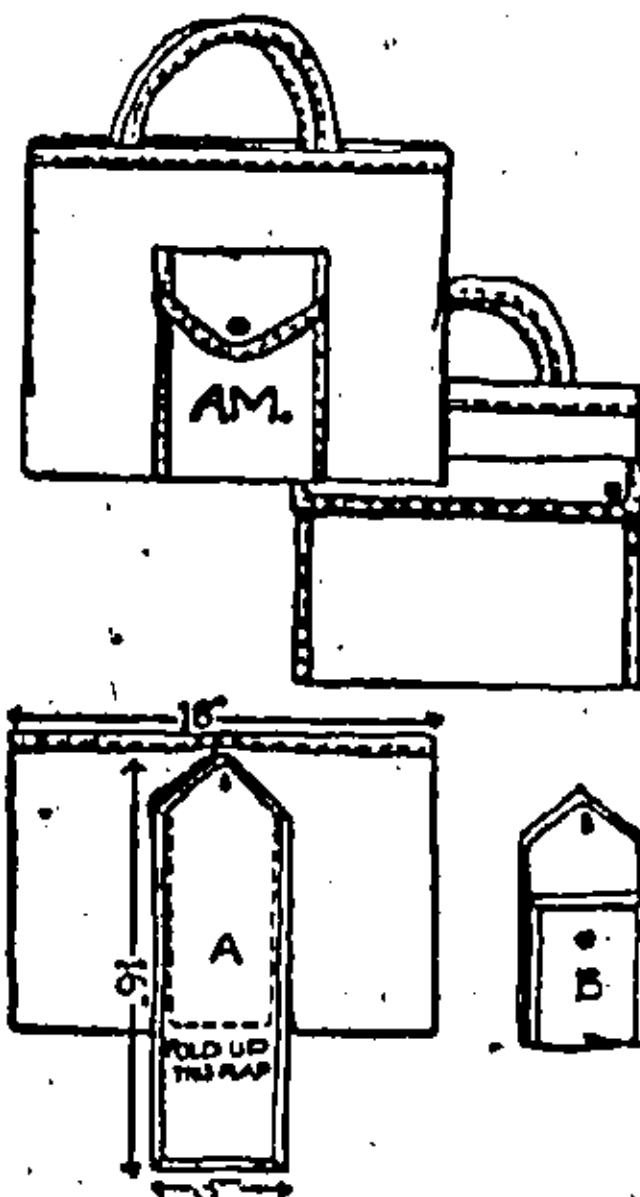
Tommy looked up in surprise. "But, mamma," he objected, "we're paying for this, aren't we?"

WENDY'S LITTLE DRESSMAKERS.

A Home-Made School Bag.

A Wendy Lady wants to make a school bag, so we've planned a nice big one, which she will find quite simple to do.

Buy about one yard of ordinary Hessian, and four yards of inch-wide wool braid for the binding and handles. Cut a piece of Hessian twenty inches wide and twenty-six inches long, and fold it in half. The bag itself will measure eighteen inches wide and twelve inches deep, but the extra inches are for the turnings; you must always remember to leave very generous turnings on Hessian, as it frays out so quickly.



You can make this useful school bag if you read Dressmaker's instructions and study the diagrams carefully.

Cut two more pieces of the canvas, one six inches wide and sixteen inches long, and the other fourteen inches wide and sixteen inches long. These are to make two outside pockets for the bag—one on the back, the other on the front. The larger one will take your school slippers or gym shoes, and the smaller will hold your lunch-time fruit or anything special you don't want to put inside the bag itself!

Cut the top end of the smaller pocket strip into a point, turn in half-inch hems all round, and find the edges with the orange, scarlet, or royal blue braid. Lay the folded bag piece on the table, with the centre fold well defined, and put the pocket strip in the centre, in the position shown by A in the lower left-hand diagram. Stitch it firmly to the background; then fold up the piece at the bottom to make the pocket, sew that down along the edges, and add a button and a button-hole to keep the pointed flap closed. Diagram B shows the finished pocket.

Now for the larger pocket. Turn in one-inch hems at the sides, bind all the edges, and arrange the strip on the back of the bag in the same way as you arranged the smaller pocket on the front; add a button and a button-hole at each side, and stitch the pocket firmly to the bag.

Now sew up the side seams of the bag, and bind the top edges with braid. Make two braid handles, using the braid double for these if you have sufficient, and stitch them firmly to the top of the bag.

If you like, you can work your initials on one of the pockets before sewing it to the bag.

Wendy's Dressmaker.

OUR SWEET-MAKING CORNER.

Cherry Cubes.

To make these delicious sweets, you will require one pound of granulated sugar, a piece of butter the size of an egg, twelve tablespoonsful of milk, one bar of plain chocolate, and some glace cherries.

Scrape the chocolate to a powder, put it into a saucepan with the sugar and milk, and dissolve slowly, stirring gently all the time.

When the sugar and chocolate have dissolved, add the butter, and boil the mixture till a little fried in cold water can be shaped into a ball. Remove the saucepan from the fire, stir in the glace cherries, leave to cool, and then beat well with a wooden spoon till the mixture is smooth and thick. It is hard work at first, but the sweet soon becomes a pliable mass. Turn it on to a dish, press into a block, cut into cubes with a sharp knife, and leave to set.

HOW MUCH IS IT.

A halfpenny wet and a halfpenny dry.
Fourpence-halfpenny and a halfpenny by.
A halfpenny behind and a halfpenny before.
Fourpence-halfpenny and a halfpenny more.
Answer—A shilling.

TINK'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE.

The funny little figure beside last week's puzzle was, of course, a Snow-man, and his name was hidden in the puzzle, full solution of which is:—

Across.

1. Put into one total (Add).
4. Used at the dinner-table (Knife).
8. Small green finch (Serin).
10. Stitch (Sew).
11. Breathes noisily when asleep (Snore).
12. You and I (We).
13. First part of hidden name (Snow).
15. Perceived (Seen).
16. Second part of hidden name (Man).
18. Italian city (Milan).
20. One (An).
22. Vegetable (Potato).
23. Propel by oars (Row).
25. Part of a flower (Petal).
26. Tall plants commonly found in woods (Trees).
27. Measure of length (Ell).

Down.

1. Animal (Ass).
2. Thick (Dense).
3. Bees who don't work (Drones).
4. Recognised (Knew).
5. Part of verb "to be" (Is).
6. Not many (Few).
7. Water pitcher (Ewer).
9. Metal (Iron).
14. Roof of the mouth (Palate).
15. Begin (Start).
16. A tiny thing (Mite).
17. South African Colony (Natal).
18. Floor cleaners (Mops).
19. Another name for the head (Noll).
21. Follows neither (Nor).
24. Same as 12 across (We).

A very pretty picture is sketched by the side of this week's problem. You know, of course, what the dainty little people are, and you will find their name hidden in the puzzle to help you to solve it.



Clues:—

Down.

1. Games.
7. Part of verb "to be."
8. Yelp.
11. As far as.
12. Depart.
13. Part of verb "to be."
15. Hidden name.
18. Set in the ground to grow.
20. Musical note.
21. Preposition.
22. Exclamation.
25. Girl's name.
28. Not out.
29. Certain.

Across.

1. Deep hole in ground.
2. Because.
3. Preposition.
4. Belonging to me.
5. Devour.
6. Speck.
9. Works hard.
10. Earn.
12. Opening (in a hedge).
14. Gold is a precious one.
16. Sudan invasion.
17. A collection.
19. Sea-going vessel.
23. Fuss.
24. Number.
26. Same as 2 down.
27. The thing.
28. Roman numeral.

WHAT ARE THESE LITTLE PEOPLE?

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ROMANTIC MANSIONS.

["Mansions of Old Romance," by
Charles C. Harper; Cecil
Palmer, 10/6 (with 80-line
illustrations).]

The author has a vast store of
information and chatty stories
about the building and the
builders of the great British houses
of the past. He has evidently en-
joyed collecting them, and he has
enjoyed writing them, and for our
part we enjoyed reading them and
we found something new even
about the places that were in our
own home district.

He tells astonishingly little of
the beauty and charm of the
British great houses.

For example in a two pages
description of Audley End, near
Saffron Walden, he gives us the
life history of the first Baron.
Howard de Walden, and a little
about Nell Gwynne and the
"Merry Monarch," but there is no
description of the delicate
Jacobean carving and the wood-
work that are the chief glory of
this great house and which were
a new feature when it was built
(1616).

There are chapters on "Country
House Curiosities," "Romantic
Farmhouses," "Moated Houses,"
"Lodge Gates," and "Gazebos and
Garden Houses." All are most in-
teresting.

The political view point of the
writer is of one who looks back-
ward regretfully.

Yet he spends pages telling how
uncomfortable and overlarge and
over-magnificent were many of
these places.

About Blenheim he quotes Pope:
See, sir here's the grand ap-
proach

This way is for His grace's
coach;

There lies the bridge, and
here's the dock,
Observe the lion and the cock
The spacious court, the colon-
nade.

I find by all you have been
telling
That 'tis a house, but not a
dwelling.

The day of these stately man-
sions has gone, and whether one
looks to the past or to the future,
they have certainly left a flavour
of fine memories behind them, and
he is a poor man who does not en-
joy them as part of his British
heritage. This book will help its
readers to share in this enjoyment.

CLAIMS FOR BACON.

["Shakespeare: New Views for
Old," by Roderick L. Eagle;
Cecil Palmer, 5/-]

This is one of the most readable

as well as one of the most convinc-
ing books we have read on the
Baconian theory, and should be
read by all interested in the
authorship of the Shakespearian
plays.

Mr. Eagle, an enthusiastic
Baconian, scouts the idea that a
more or less illiterate country lout
who had never been abroad could
have commanded the vocabulary or
written the plays and sonnets
usually ascribed to the Stratford
actor. He very cleverly shows
parallels—not merely verbal ones
—between the recognised writings
of Bacon and those which he
claims for Bacon.

Events in the life of the great
philosopher are ingeniously used
to prove our author's case. The
chapter on "Hamlet and Contem-
porary History" is clever and one
on "Drayton, the contemporary
rival, very plausible. As in
most of such books the argument is
one-sided and leaves the claims of
that Stratfordian to "another
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day a chance discovery may reveal
the truth. It looks as if, until such
a discovery is made, the wrangling
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when hunting was the former's
only livelihood.

The Cat came to dwell with us
in a later age, when we took to
agriculture and built houses with
mouse-attracting granaries. That
I have been told, was the theory
of the great Charles Darwin.
There are other hypotheses cur-
rent among cat-lovers. Thus
some authorities believe that cats

are four-legged, furry gipsies or
Egyptians—that they came to us
from Egypt, where they were
household goddesses in days long
dead, and that their patrician and
patronising ways, which rebuke
our bristling stupidity, are due to the
subconscious feeling that they are
goddesses in exile. This idea can be
combined with Mery's suggestion
that "God made the cat to give
rank and the pleasure of caressing
the tiger."

An even more picturesque
theory is based on the curious fact
that the most aristocratic cat,
who so hates to wet her so silent
feet, will lose half her self-pos-
session and all her dignity when she
smells fish.

I have seen a Black Bear fish-
ing in a back-oddy of the North
Saskatchewan, but never heard
that any member of the order of
the Felidae systematically practised
this craft. And, even if you
grant that the cat first became
man's companion when he took to
angling, you have yet to explain
how and when she acquired her
taste for fish.

Pier-Jumpers and Others.

Mr. Michael Joseph is passion-
ately fond of cats, and he begins
his book about them by telling us
how a jolly black-and-white
kitten, christened Scissors by the
recess cook, was his comrade in
the trenches on the West front.
Scissors would accompany his offi-
cer on his morning round, much
to the amusement of the enemy,
who never tried a shot at the
furry target. Lillywhite, who
knew how to extract condensed
milk from tins, was another intel-
ligent cat-of-war.

He gives us the history of all
his favourite cats, reminding me
of the fifty-year succession of the
cats attached to my own family,
of whom the most remarkable was
P. Nork, Esquire, who lived to the
great age of seventeen in spite of
falling from the top storey of a
house 80 ft. high. He was bask-
ing at an open window and leapt
out at a passing bird.

Mr. Joseph has collected scores
of authentic tales which agreeably
illustrate the cat's complex psy-
chology. Sea-faring cats, called
"pier-jumpers" by sailors, are
an interesting category. Two
cases are given of cats, who had
a liking for sea voyages, but al-
ways returned home for a long
rest. The cat is an animal of
variable temperament; as Diderot
observed it is a cat at chat.

Many well-known cat-lovers
have contributed to his store of
anecdotes, and B. F. Dolbin's clever
drawings add to the pleasure of
reading a delightful guide to the
manners and customs of man's
second, but not second-best,
friend—E.B.O. in Singapore Free
Press.

BRITISH SCOUTS TO VISIT
JAMAICA.

The Boy Scouts of King Edward
VII School, Sheffield, will add to
their foreign travels by visiting
Jamaica at the invitation of
Jamaican Boy Scouts.

These Sheffield Scouts have pre-
viously visited Kandersteg, Lugana,
Copenhagen, the Austrian Tyrol
and Algeria.

The Scouts' Jamaican visit will
last in all about six weeks and will
probably take place about Easter-
tide.

Another party of the School
Scouts will spend a Christmas hol-
iday in Switzerland for the winter
sports.

SNAPS.

A photographic exhibition was
held by Blackburn Boy Scouts in
their headquarters.

Large numbers of parents and
friends visited the exhibition which
was so successful that it will prob-
ably become an annual event.

The most popular exhibits were
studies of Kandersteg, Switzerland,
the site of the Boy Scouts Interna-
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into the ground. The "badger"
holds the loose end of one rope and
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The badger has a tin with a peb-
ble in it, while the baiter carries a
cushion or pillow. Both boys are
blindfolded.

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tin, at the same time running round
the weight, and the baiter, guided
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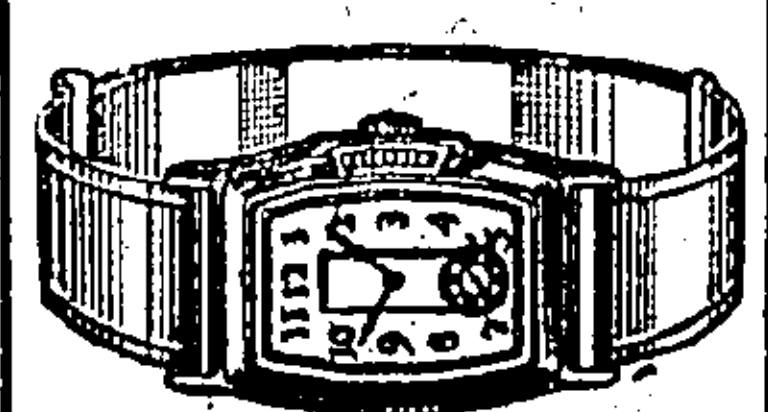
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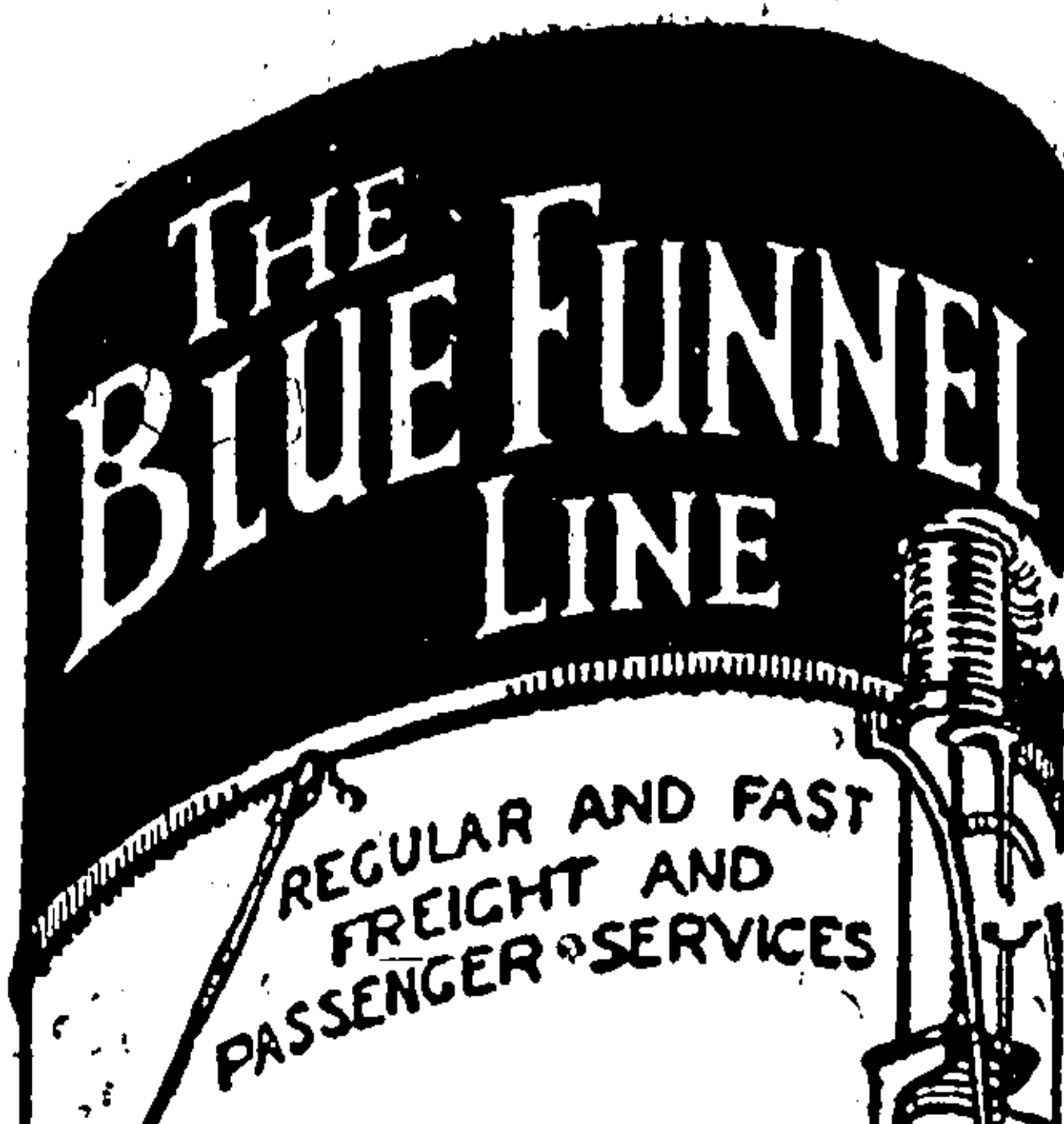
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SLIP OF TONGUE. CAUSES UPROAR IN JAPANESE DIET.

RETRACTION REQUESTED.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
 Pandemonium has reigned in the Diet during the last few days as a result of a slip of the tongue on the part of Baron Shidehara. During interpellations at the Budget Committee meeting on Tuesday evening, the Foreign Minister asserted that the fact that the London Naval Treaty was ratified was clear evidence that it will not endanger national defence as had been implied.

The Seiyukai regard the reply as an attempt to place the responsibility on the shoulders of the Emperor and accuse Baron Shidehara of lese majeste. They demand a retraction and apology and even the resignation of the whole Cabinet.

The Seiyukai continue to press their demands which last night necessitated the presence of the police in the Committee Room for the protection of Baron Shidehara's person. The presence of the policemen added fuel to the fire and the Seiyukai formally protested against it.

While the papers criticise the slip of the tongue and urge Baron Shidehara to retract, they strongly censure the Seiyukai's attempt to make political capital out of the incident, and condemn the disgraceful scenes which the Seiyukai precipitated.

Meanwhile, the proletarians have issued a manifesto demanding that the masses strive to replace the present parties "with parties which have the true interests of the people at heart."

Following the riotous scenes of the past few days in the Diet, as a result of the indiscreet remark by Baron Shidehara, an unidentified man, brandishing a dagger, burst into the gallery of the Diet building, where a number of Minseitō supporters were sitting, and wounded several, including two Diet members who were injured in the general scuffle that ensued.

Owing to threats of personal violence against Baron Shidehara since his slip of the tongue, six jujitsu experts have been engaged as his bodyguard.

Owing to general confusion in the Diet, various versions of the dagger incident are circulating, and it is uncertain what precipitated the trouble. Apparently a melee took place in the corridor, not the gallery, during a meeting of the Budget committee. Some one broke a window, the glass falling upon members inside the committee room, and on members and others thronging the corridor pandemonium followed, inkpots, spittoons and other missiles being freely hurled.

A dozen people were injured, including two Diet members. One non-member was seriously wounded with a dagger through the hand.—Reuter.

FLYING BOATS. DEMONSTRATION FLIGHT TO BASRA.

London, Yesterday.
 Three "Rangoon" flying boats have left Felixstowe on a flight to Basra. The flight is to be completed in seven stages, taking a new route through the Mediterranean via Malta, Crete and Alexandria, with a view to demonstrating the possibility of a flying boat service for the Indian air mail.—Reuter.

Rugby, Yesterday.
 The Royal Air Force Cairo-Cape fliers landed at Bloemfontein, from Pretoria, yesterday, and left again this morning for Beaufort West.—British Wireless Service.

ST PATRICK SOCIETY'S PROGRESS.

Encouraging Figures from Committee.

BALL PRACTICE.

The Committee of St. Patrick's Society are beginning to see practical results of their labours. At their meeting held this week the Hon. Treasurer's report was very satisfactory. To date over \$2,200 has been received in subscriptions and donations. Close on 100 members have sent in their subscriptions, including a large number of life members. Membership forms and subscriptions continue to come in daily and it is earnestly requested that those members who have not yet sent in their forms should do so as early as possible.

The Committee are determined to do their level best to make this Society and the forthcoming ball a great success. They look to the members to co-operate with them by returning their forms and Ball invitations as soon as possible.

The organising of the ball is in very capable hands and the policy of "wait and see" is to be condemned as it will entail extra work in the Committee later. As was announced previously the Committee intended holding practice dances and arrangements have been made to hold the first practice in the Helena May Institute on Thursday at 5.15 p.m. Irish men, Irish women, and their guests are welcomed.

PRINCESS BETTER.

SLOW BUT DEFINITE PROGRESS SHOWN.

London, Yesterday.
 A bulletin states that Princess Beatrice is making slow, but definite progress. No further bulletin will be issued.—Reuter.

RUMOUR DENIED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
 The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Snowden in the House of Commons late last night, denied market rumours that the Government intended to launch a large development loan.—British Wireless Service.

RAILWAY HEAD.

NEW APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCED IN CANTON.

IMPORTANT POST.

Canton, Yesterday.
 It is reported that the Ministry of Railways has appointed Mr. Heish Pao-shao as Director of the Canton-Kowloon Railway Administration, vice Mr. Liu Cho-kok, transferred to the post of Director of the Canton-Shaochow Railway Section, succeeding Mr. Chen Yin-mui recalled to Nanking for another important post.

The newly-appointed Director, Mr. Chen Yin-chung of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, left the Capital on the 6th for Tientsin to assume his new post.—Canton News Agency.

TONGUE-TWISTERS.

NO TEST OF DRUNKENNESS.

That he could not repeat the sentence "The Leith police dismisseth us" was the statement made at Chy Cross (Derbyshire) as evidence of drunkenness against Hubert Watson, of Grassmore, Derbyshire, who was charged with driving to the danger of the public. The defending solicitor declared that such sentences were merely tongue-twisters, and were valueless as tests of sobriety. He himself caused amusement by failing to repeat the sentence correctly, and he suggested that the magistrates would also fail if they attempted it. The Bench dismissed the charge of drunkenness, but fined Watson £5 and costs, £13 18s. in all, for dangerous driving.

INDIA LOAN.

London, Yesterday.
 A \$17,000,000 India loan is being underwritten at 5½ per cent. at 97 redeemable between 1938 and 1938.—Reuter.

The Toronto Industrial News Bulletin for October reports more new industries, (8) for the Toronto area than in any other month of last year and more expansions of existing industries, (18) than any month since January, 1930. "This," says the Bulletin, "is significant of the industrial activity in Toronto at this time."

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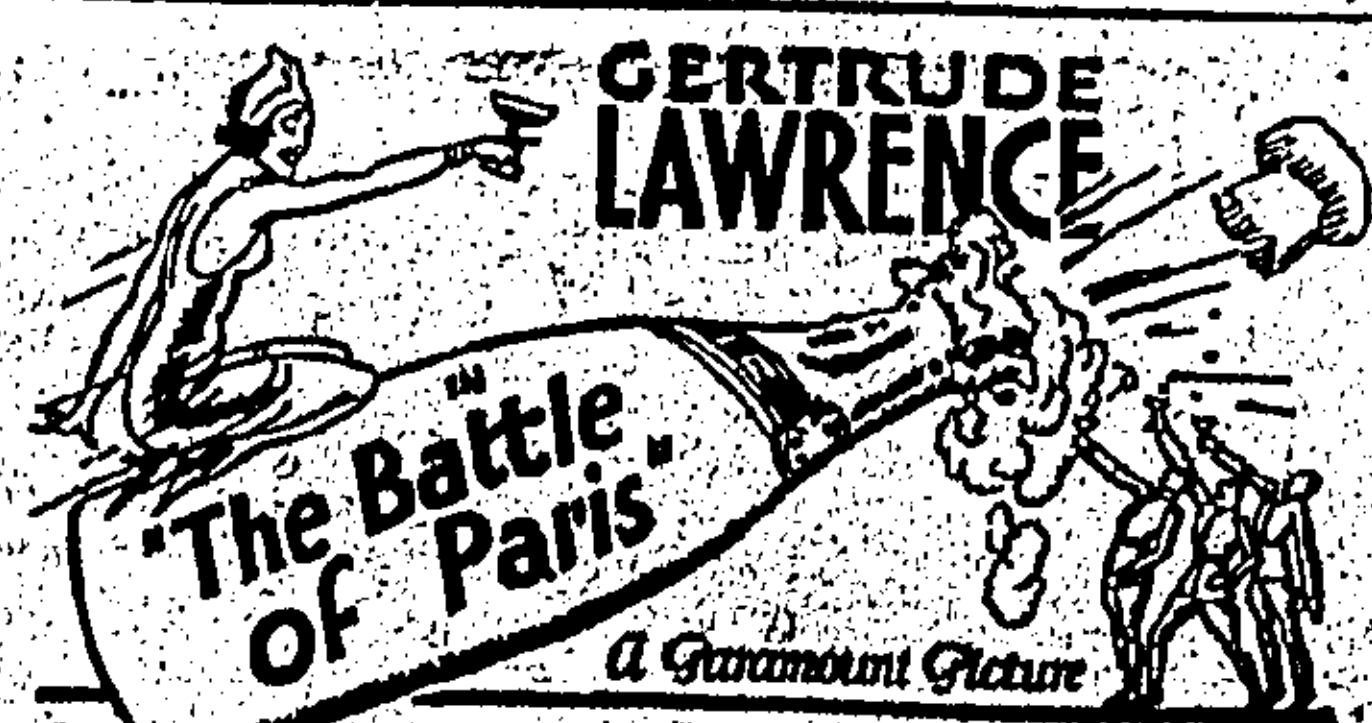
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